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# The Editor's Page

## Suggestions Appreciated

Since THE SILENT WORKER started out on its new venture, the editors have received numerous suggestions, complaints, compliments, and other forms of critical comment. Certain writers have demanded a change in the name of the magazine, while others advised us to hold to the status quo. There were some who condemned the Movie department, and there were as many others who lauded that department as the best feature in the magazine. Some have advised us to cut down the space allotted to Churches, while others have expressed appreciation of the great solace they have derived from the Church pages. Some have told us to curtail the sports department, and others have said they read nothing but the sports pages.

All this comment and advice from readers and subscribers is welcome. We hope they will continue to express their likes and dislikes, for only by knowing of such can we make the magazine interesting to our wide range of readers. When a department meets with unanimous disapproval, which has not yet happened, it will go out the editorial window. So please keep the comment and the suggestions coming. And if there is some new department you would like to see in the magazine, let the editors know.

## 88 Years Ago

This month's installment of "This Month 88 Years Ago" should have been published in the December number, but due to difficulties of one kind and another, it failed to appear. In order to complete the series, we are printing the December offering in February, and this closes out the story of 88 years ago.

THE SILENT WORKER hereby expresses its thanks to Mrs. Stewart for sticking to a tedious job and providing its readers with an interesting account of events of long ago. She proved such a good reporter, we are searching for a new job to offer her, and we hope to have her back in these pages.

## Bound Volumes

On another page will be found a notice about bound volumes of THE SILENT WORKER. We are having the first volume bound for the files, and each subsequent volume will be similarly bound. If any of our subscribers wish to have their own volumes bound, they may send them to THE SILENT WORKER and we shall be glad to attend to the binding. For readers who may desire bound volumes but do not have a complete set of their own, we can supply a

limited number from our own files.

The bound volumes will be handsomely made up with cloth book covers and the owner's name stamped on the cover. Those who desire bound volumes should communicate with THE SILENT WORKER immediately.

## The Sign Language

Anyone who has been observant can detect a vast difference between the sign language in use today and that of a quarter of a century or so ago. Those among us who were not acquainted with the sign language 25 years ago need only to look at moving pictures of old-time sign makers in action to realize that something has happened to the sign language. What has happened will be considered by some as changes due to the passing of time, while others will call it plain and simple deterioration. At any rate, the sign language is in danger of becoming a lost art unless something is done by the deaf to keep it at a standard where it can be considered the medium of conversation of a cultured people.

There is no grammar in the sign language. There is no standard authority by which it is determined that one sign is correct and another is incorrect, but custom has given us a fairly good standard, and we recognize a correct and an incorrect form of usage. The tendency today is away from standard usage, in favor of improvised signs and "slang" signs. If the tendency continues, the time will come when the sign language will no longer be universal, and the deaf in one state will be unable to converse freely with those of another state.

The sign language is not taught in schools for the deaf. Pupils pick it up from other pupils, with the inevitable result that it undergoes changes from one generation to the next. To remedy this, the schools should teach the proper use of the sign language. They are fearful that in doing so they will bring down criticism that they are neglecting their pupils' speech. Everyone knows, however, that the sign language is used among pupils, so, as long as they are going to use it, they should be taught to use it correctly.

There exists today a notable carelessness in the use of the sign language. The old-time masters of the sign language used a clear-cut, carefully chosen style of delivery which was easy to understand and pleasing to see. Today too many of the deaf are inclined to slur over their spelling and crowd their signs, and in order to understand them,

one must strain both one's eyesight and one's mentality. Many of the orally-trained deaf, and those who have become deaf after acquisition of speech habits, develop habits of speaking orally and signing simultaneously, with the result that their signs are almost impossible to understand.

It behooves the deaf to give serious thought to preservation of their sign language. If they are not to be taught correct sign language in their schools, they would do well to arrange for sign classes among themselves, at their clubs and other gatherings. In past years the deaf in most cities maintained literary societies, which helped them keep their attention on the sign language, but literary societies have practically disappeared. Without some widespread effort to preserve our sign language, we shall soon find it completely destroyed as a forceful and effective means of conversation.

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Robert Sherman Harper . . .

# A GENTLEMAN FARMER of old Virginia

By LYDIA S. ABBOTT

The deaf as a rule do not take to farming. They find the bucolic life lonely and they seek the fellowship of other deaf in the cities. Here are two of them who are exceptions to the rule. The Harpers lead a happy life on their Virginia acres. And they find congenial associations in their church and community activities.

**A**N UNEXPECTED VISITOR would stand little chance of catching Robert Harper in an idle moment. Whether in overalls, working on his land, or in his best togs for other pursuits, Bob is perpetually busy.

Robert S. Harper, known as Bob, lives on a farm located eight miles from the town of Bedford, Va., just at the foot of the famed Blue Ridge Mountains.

The 15-room house, remodeled from an old colonial type, was built by slaves way back in the 1800's. Additions of a library and an annex of several rooms were built immediately after Bob and his parents purchased the run-down farm in 1935. Other buildings include a greenhouse, a two-car garage, a barn, a machine shed, a smoke house, a milk-cooler shed, a filling station, and a few other buildings. There are three tenant houses on the farm, also. This farm is electrically equipped and has running water in almost every building.

On a total of 525 acres, Bob raises everything that can be grown in this location. Wheat, oats, corn, fruit, alfalfa, lespedeza and tomatoes are regular crops. Much of the land is wooded, and last winter a crew of ten chain-sawed some 25 acres of pine ridge, to provide more grazing land for Bob's newest farming asset—beef cattle. In March, 1949, Bob purchased 20 young beeves. In a few years, he will be in the buying-selling market for beef.

Bob owns a hammer mill and a granary, in which he stores grains for milling. Some feeds, containing high sources of minerals, must be bought. He also owns a pick-up baler and side delivery rake. These cut the three- or four-day hay-making job by half.

Left: With his hired hand, Nat Waldron, Bob Harper toils in the field.

Right: Bob and Liz Harper enjoy a respite on the porch of their comfortable home.

A variety of fruit grows in his orchards—we find peaches, apples, plums and cherries. Strawberries, raspberries and blackberries grow in profusion.

Mr. Harper used to sell separated cream, but he has discovered that a cooler installed in the milk house pays for itself with the whole raw milk sold each morning. As much as 20 gallons go to the creamery on the local milk truck, run by a neighbor. This cooler, an asset, also helps to cool watermelons and drinking water for the farmers, thus saving the labor of adding ice to water jugs.

There are 18 to 24 cows, milked with milking machines. The hired help do this work for Mr. Harper. Nat Waldron, a deaf man, is the spark plug of the milking crew.

Bob does not manage the 525-acre plot alone. Since he is the only child of his parents, his widowed mother naturally lives with him and his wife, assisting with the bookkeeping. The farm is run on a business-like basis, with an accountant coming in every week to check on expenditures and receipts. Tax papers are always coming in unexpectedly, making it necessary for the Harpers to have a private secretary to assist with the office work.

Farmer Harper has nine hired hands, six on the farm and three in the house. They either live on the premises in tenant houses, or come by the day. On the farm live another deaf couple, the Nat Waldrons, with their three boys and a girl, who assist Harper with the work. Mrs. Waldron tends to the flock of 240 to 300 chickens.

Bob Harper, born in New York City just after World War I, has been deaf since birth. Because his father taught botany at Columbia University, the family stayed in the city during winters and spent their summers on a farm in New Jersey. On this farm, Bob acquired his fondness for farming and its mysterious

Harper's herd of beef cattle graze near the Blue Ridge foothills.

Close-up of Robert Harper, husky Virginia farmer.

Bob on his tractor pulls a brand new automatic lifting mower.



The Harpers' two husky children, Tommy, age six, and Helen, three.

ways. He did the light chores, raised and sold rabbits, and played with various farmyard animals.

Bob attended the Wright Oral School; later, he went to Clarke School. In 1932, he enrolled at the New Jersey School for the Deaf, where he completed his formal education.

When Bob was in his teens, he and his parents became interested in buying a farm in Virginia, where his uncle Eugene had lived for many years. In the spring of 1935, they looked over some land and finally purchased this property near Bedford. It took three years to settle the deed transfers, improve the farm, install fencing, build a large barn, and remodel the house, before the family could move in.

Bob's father, having built a greenhouse, continued to experiment with his flowers and fruits until his death in 1946.

At church services in the Presbyterian Church near his farm, Bob met his future wife, Elizabeth Howell, who lived on a farm one mile from his place. Liz, as she is known to her friends, had lost her hearing at the age of four. She became an expert lip-reader, through her parents' care not to let her feel too handicapped. She attended a two-room school house about two miles away. She often took a short-cut across the fields, never dreaming that these fields would, in time, belong to her future husband.

When Liz was discovered to be totally deaf, she was sent to the Virginia School for the Deaf in Staunton, and from there she went to Gallaudet College. But she stayed only a year in college, as she had other interests—marriage ahead.

In 1942, Bob and Liz were married in the Presbyterian Church where they had met for the first time. They now have two normal children, Tommy, five, and Helen, two and a half.

Mr. Harper is a deacon of the Presbyterian Church, and his children take an active part in the Sunday School meetings. Bob even helped with the

building of a Sunday School addition to the church. Mrs. Harper is a Sunday School teacher in Roanoke, 30 miles away. Her class of 15 to 30 deaf meets twice a month. Occasionally, when there are visiting ministers to the deaf, the crowd swells to 50 or 60.

They often take time out to assist the deaf around them with conventions, clubs, and chapters. Harper was on the Virginia Association of the Deaf convention committee last year at Roanoke. He and his wife helped organize the Piedmont chapter, a branch of the VAD, in 1946. The chapter, begun with 24 members, today boasts a membership of 110, all scattered within a 100-mile radius of Roanoke.

Picnics are held by the Harpers in their picnic garden. Hallowe'en parties are also given. Most recently, a barn dance was held in the empty hay barn, drawing some 175 fun-seekers, mostly deaf. A shoat (pig to you) was greased and donated to a pig-chasing contest at this dance.

Just recently, a one and one-half acre fish pond was erected on the swamp bottom; fish were planted by the government. Bob purchased a 13½-foot Judd outboard motorboat for the amusement of his family. A pier was recently installed, and in a couple of years Bob plans to make this area into a recreation spot, with lights for night rides, and a boat house.

In emergencies, Farmer Harper is usually at hand. In 1943, a B-25 bomber crashed on the Peaks of Otter, a beautiful range in the northern background of the farm, during a sleet storm. A crew of five colonels, en route to the Great Lakes from South Carolina, missed their course when beacon lights failed. They crashed head on, killing all occupants of the plane outright. Bob, along with other neighbors, rushed from bed in the dead of night and scrambled madly to the scene. There they made the sad discovery that nothing could be done except to contact a funeral home.

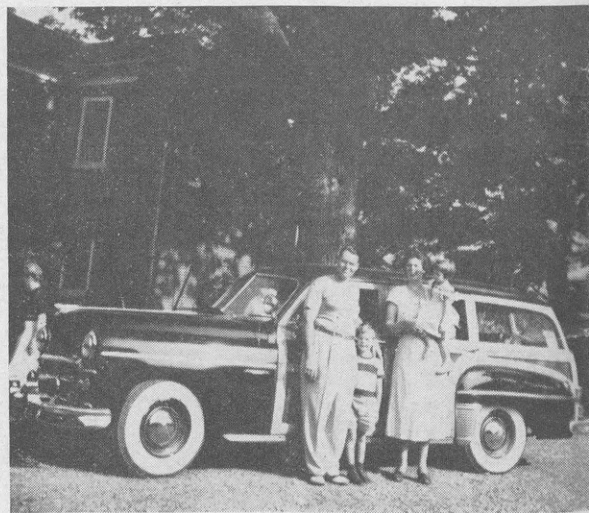
During snowstorms, Harper is an asset to the community. He has a snowplow which can easily be attached to his Farmall tractor. This is of inestimable value when the highway departments are swamped with requests for the clearing of the main roads.

A gentleman farmer who spent his boyhood in New York City, Bob Harper claims he will continue to farm as long as he lives. Since Bob is a lover of flowers, and his father was a botanist, the farm is a riot of colorful shrubs and flowers in all directions. Bob says he cannot bear to think of leaving the beauty of the land that lies about him.

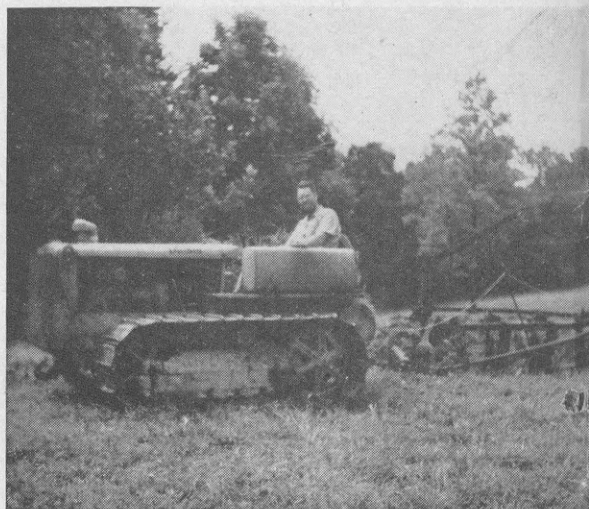
Bob Harper looks forlornly at his surplus wheat, still unsold.



Bob Harper, Elizabeth, and Bob's mother, with their dog, Butch.



The Harpers with their Dodge station wagon—one week old.



Plowing season finds Bob aboard his Caterpillar diesel.



# HOW TO MAKE AN AFTER-DINNER SPEECH

By EMERSON ROMERO

*Dedicated to Paul and Ellen Allerup because they sat through my first after-dinner speech without yawning once.*

HAVING MADE MY FIRST formal after-dinner speech recently without any eggs, tomatoes or vegetables thrown at me, I now consider myself an authority on the subject. I am happy to pass along to others the benefit of my inexperience. You never know when you may be called upon to say a few words at a banquet or dinner, so it is always best to be prepared for the ordeal.

On various occasions I have been called upon to say a few words at dinners, but it wasn't the real thing. It was easy as compared to being the principal loudmouth. The first thing I did was stand up; no one ever makes a speech sitting down unless his legs are too shaky for him to assume an upright position. It depends on how many drinks one has consumed during the dinner. As for me, I make it a point never to have more than seven or eight before a speech, because I know I will need all my wits about me—including my half-wits.

Once on my feet, the first thing I say is, "Ladies and gentlemen." This is important regardless of the element present. After that witty prologue at a recent dinner, I took a deep breath and told the attentive diners how much I had enjoyed the food—although I was sure the chicken I had wrestled with must have walked all the way from Chicago. That was tact. Next, I said the hard-working committee had selected a very pleasant setting for the repast. I turned to where the committee sat, expecting their thanks for the compliment, but I found them in a huddle debating heatedly on how much they should tip the waiters. I politely ignored this and went on to say it was a pleasure to dine with nice people and such pretty girls. This remark made a hit with the ladies, especially those over sixty.

My first authentic after-dinner speech was another matter. After the usual "Ladies and gentlemen," I asked if everybody could see me. They shouted "Aye, aye." Since the ayes had it, I said I just wanted to be sure they got their money's worth. They had been soaked something like \$3 for that particular dinner.

Romero in a rehearsal of his after-dinner speech, awaits audience reaction while his wife, Connie, looks on.

—Hooligan Photo.

Then I went on to explain that, since it was my first after-dinner speech, they should be indulgent. That was a precaution. I also said I thought after dinner was not the proper time to make a speech because when the stomach is full, the head is empty. That was another precaution. I didn't want their hopes to get too high.

I made it clear that since I knew nothing about making after-dinner speeches I had gone to the library one evening after dinner, to look up some books on the subject. I had decided that after dinner would be the appropriate time to find out what it was all about. With the help of the lady librarian, I obtained several books containing funny stories told by accomplished after-dinner speakers. They might have accomplished what they had set out to do, but I still think some of them must have been nuts. You know, banquets are often called "soups to nuts." I believe the nuts refer to the after-dinner speakers. However, I laughed so hard at some of the stories the librarian came over to tell me to pipe down, because I was disturbing the others in the library who were trying to sleep. It seemed to me these people had perhaps listened to too many after-dinner speakers and got into the habit of falling asleep after dinner.

There were some stories by Jimmy Walker, the former mayor of New York. He was much in demand as an after-

dinner speaker. It is said that he had a very fine delivery. Then how come he was never a baseball pitcher? Or an obstetrician?

Another story was about Dr. Wellington Koo, the former Chinese ambassador to this country. He was present at a banquet one evening. Sitting next to him was a young cub reporter, recently graduated from college, who was still profoundly ignorant about many things in general. If I may be permitted to digress for a minute, I would like to say that, personally, I believe they should do away with graduation exercises at the colleges and have coming-out parties instead. That is the time the young men and women are coming out into the world to learn a lot of things. Of course, they are well bred—but who wouldn't be after a four-year loaf?

Well, this young teddy-bear reporter sitting next to Dr. Koo thought it would be the proper thing to strike up a conversation with the eminent diplomat. During the soup course, the reporter, for want of something better to say, turned to Dr. Koo and inquired, "Likee soupee?" The gracious doctor smiled and bowed and our little cub reporter was appeased.

When the *demi tasse* arrived, the toastmaster called upon Dr. Koo for the speech of the evening. Having been educated at Oxford University, he delivered a beautiful speech in such flawless





Here Romero and Connie, both crack printers, set up his speech in large type for Connie to use as prompter from her perch in the front row.

English the reporter almost swallowed the cigar he was trying to smoke. When Dr. Koo finished his speech and sat amid thunderous applause, he smilingly turned to our now half-wilted little reporter and inquired, "Likee speechee?"

A poor Irish bricklayer and cement mixer suddenly came into a lot of money. (If you heard this one before, please don't stop me. I want to see if I remember it.) He and his wife decided to climb the social ladder, after he had been climbing plain wooden ladders all his working life. One night at a banquet the Irishman looked over to where his wife was sitting at another table, to ascertain how she was making out with the many pieces of silverware. To his dismay, he saw she had gotten her salad fork all tangled up in her hair.

It made him so nervous he couldn't eat his peas with his knife.

They had served frog's legs at this banquet. When it was time for the speeches the Irishman asked to be excused because he had a frog in his throat. I almost choked on this one.

After wiping the tears from my eyes, I came across another story. It was about the Barnum & Bailey Circus which was having a banquet. Everybody was invited. Old Man Barnum was there, in person, handing out lollypops to all. You remember it was he who said, "There's a sucker born every minute." Well, the entire troupe was there, including the bearded lady, the tattooed man, the snake charmer, the sword swallower and the fire eater. The fire eater was to be

one of the speakers. But he didn't seem to want to eat anything. His soup remained in front of him, untouched. When he was asked if it was too hot, he said he didn't care for it because he was a light eater. But later, when called upon, he got up and made a hot speech, a passionate plea to his fellow performers to recognize him as a human being and not as a walking cigarette lighter. However, it seems he talked too long. The toastmaster started to burn up.

If nobody has fallen asleep by now, I would like to tell another story told by "Sleepy" Jim Crowley, the former Notre Dame football star, at a sports dinner. Jim was a great wit and always had a nifty comeback ready on the tip of his tongue. Once Knute Rockne asked him, "Do you know of anything dumber than a dumb Irishman?" Jim came back with, "Sure. A smart Swede." Rockne was of Norwegian ancestry and got a big kick out of that crack.

Jim told the story of a handsome football player at Notre Dame when Rockne was coaching there. This Mr. America was keenly aware of his Adonis-like profile and was so conceited about it that he was careful to avoid rough plays during practice. Rockne noticed this at each scrimmage session, and kept it in mind. The first game of the season had Notre Dame rolling up a big score. In the fourth quarter Rockne sent in substitutes until the entire fourth team was on the field. But not Mr. America. With only a few minutes left to play, he went

over to where Rockne sat on the bench and said, "Say coach. When are you gonna put me in?" Without looking at him, Rockne said, "I'm saving you."

Each succeeding Saturday the same thing happened. Notre Dame would roll up another huge score, the substitutes would be going in *en masse* and the four-platoon system would work overtime. But this handsome fellow never as much as carried in the water pail. It was always the same, "Say, coach. When are you gonna put me in?" and always came the same reply, "I'm saving you."

Came the final game of the season, the homecoming game. The old alumni returned and there was the usual bevy of pretty girls. The annual big dance was to be held that evening. Out on the gridiron another big score was making history. The bench was cleaned of substitutes; that is, all except our dear, handsome, conceited friend. With only a few minutes left, he made one last dying plea, "Say, coach . . ." only to have Rockne say for the last time, "I'm saving you." The young Adonis scratched his head—carefully, so as not to disturb his greased hair-do—and asked, "What in the world are you saving me for?" Rockne finally turned to him, slowly looked him up and down and with sarcasm oozing from every pore said, "I'm saving you . . . for the big dance tonight."

Some after-dinner speakers have a habit of talking too long. Other authorities on the subject are at a loss to explain this sleep-producing mania.

There, you have the pith of the matter on how to make after-dinner speeches. You may have something serious to say, but first you must try to ingratiate yourself with your listeners. The best way to do this is to make them laugh. The best way to make them laugh is to tell some funny stories, but be sure they are really funny. You will then have your audience in the palm of your hand . . . but keep your eye on the clock. At the first sign of a yawn, say "Thank you" and sit down.

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## CHARLES EDWARD COREY

*Ski Enthusiast, Artist  
Thespian*

By LEO M. JACOBS

**N**UMEROUS ARTICLES have been written about deaf persons of outstanding achievements which are worthy of notice, but rarely does one write about an average deaf person, apparently with no achievements worth chronicling. However, if one would dig in a little deeper, one would discover a gold mine of interesting facts that the unassuming individuals has been hiding under a cloak of mediocrity.

Such a person is Charles Edward Corey, a young man with a striking resemblance to the movie actor, Tyrone Power. Girls frequently languish under his glances, and young men bite their finger-nails in hopeless envy. This would seem to end the roster of his visible accomplishments.

Charles was born in Hollister, California, in 1921, and spent his early years in that town and San Jose. He attended California School for the Deaf until his Senior year, when he gave up his plans for a college education in order to get a lucrative war-time job. He has changed jobs once or twice since then, but at present he is a valued employee at the Kawneer Co. in Berkeley, California, where he welds aluminum fixtures for modernistic store fronts.

He is wonderfully talented with his hands. During his school days he turned out finely executed airplane models, and won quite a few prizes for the workmanship of his models in contests with his hearing contemporaries.

He is also an accomplished artist, having many art compositions to his credit. When he was eleven years old, the famous frigate, *Old Ironsides*, put in at Oakland for a visit. *The Oakland Tribune* sponsored a contest for the best executed drawings of the ship, and Charles' contribution won the third prize. There was an article about him in the newspaper.

Charles has a reputation among the deaf population of the Bay area for his acting and acrobatic ability, and he is frequently asked to help out at benefit performances. Visitors to the National Basketball Tournament in Oakland will remember his remarkable convolutions as a cheer-leader at the games. His latest acting triumph was when he acted the part of the Jack-in-the-Box in a Toyland skit at a Christmas program at the East Bay Club for the Deaf. Without any previous practice, he successfully wound up his act by leaping back into a cardboard carton, and folding up without stirring the box at all. That required extraordinary agility.

Not satisfied with his previous accomplishments, Charles is at present developing a skill in skiing. Almost every weekend in winter he drives out to the Sierra Nevada Mountains and indulges in the exhilarat-



CHARLES E. COREY

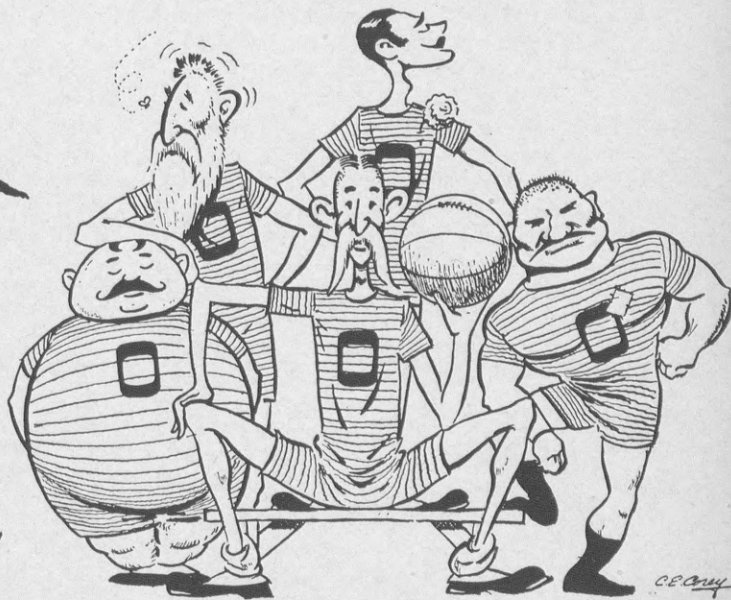
ing sport at various resorts. He is rapidly becoming more than proficient in the sport. He is almost recklessly fast on the slopes, and sometimes is reprimanded by the ski experts for his unnecessary speed.

If you should have an opportunity to make his acquaintance, do not be misled by his unassuming appearance, he is hiding his light under a bushel.



At left: Charles Corey on skis starts down a mountain-side in the Sierras. Right: An example of Corey's cartooning skill, showing caricatures of members of the Oakland, California, basketball team who played in the National AAAD tourney in 1949. This drawing was used on the cover of the tournament program. In addition to cartooning, Corey is equally adept at poster work and other forms of color drawings.

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*Reviewed by HELEN L. STEWART*

**N**UMBER 12 COMPLETES Volume 2 of the Gallaudet Guide and Deaf Mutes' Companion, and with it Amos Smith, Jr.'s connection as editor terminates.

One caustic commentator says, "A great mistake! The publication of the Guide at Hartford. Give ear, oh, my people! When doth thy Independence Day come? Why run to Hartford every time you are in distress, as a little child runs to its parents?"

That matter is settled when the editor states, "We were in error in stating in a recent issue that Mr. George Wing had accepted a tutorship in the Hartford Asylum. His address is at Bangor, Maine."

The retiring editor of the Guide uses much of the editorial space in a review of his own accomplishments. He says in part, "In the ability of our successor, Mr. George Wing, we have the fullest confidence. Backed up as he will be, by an able and energetic Executive Committee, and by the powerful influence of the Hartford Asylum, which latter, we did not have. Opposed with might and main by the Hartford Asylum for the reason that we dared to do our own thinking, we have fought our way through to have the satisfaction of seeing our year one of complete success and triumph."

Thomas L. Brown, West Henniker, N. H., president of the New England Gallaudet Association, writes a letter of thanks and appreciation to Editor Smith.

Looking back over previous issues of the Guide and making comparison with some old Michigan papers, we feel fairly certain that Thomas L. Brown of West Henniker, N. H., is the same Thomas L. Brown who was an early teacher in the Michigan School under its first principal, Barnabus Maynard Fay.

At the same time we came upon a little story, heretofore unpublished, from an informal address given at the Third Triennial Convention of the Michigan Association of the Deaf, June 1904, by Dr. E. A. Fay, son of Michigan's first principal.

It seems that when Mr. B. M. Fay and his wife first came to Michigan in the

winter of 1854 they set out by rail from Indianapolis. They could get no nearer to Flint than Pontiac. The remaining thirty miles had to be made by stage-coach over the roughest sort of roads. Enroute to Flint from Pontiac the stage-coach was upset. The passengers were badly shaken up but sustained no injuries.

Numerous regular contributors to the Guide write farewell letters to the editor, repeating things they have said many times before; arguing for or against the proposed school in Massachusetts; the use of articulation vs. signs; and the alleged discrimination against deaf teachers in regard to equal salaries with the hearing teachers.

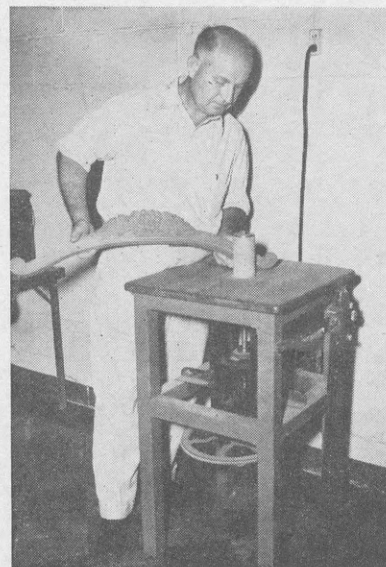
Does this discrimination still exist in some of our schools today? We have heard of a case where a deaf man sent his hearing daughter through college. Upon taking her degree she accepted a position in the school where she had grown up, at a salary far in excess of that paid her father, a veteran deaf teacher . . . and this was *not* 88 years ago.

A story purported to be true is taken from Rogers' *Table Talk*.

"Lord Seaforth, who was born deaf and dumb, was to dine one day with Lord Melville. Lady Melville sent into the drawing-room a lady of her acquaintance who could talk with her fingers, so that she might receive Lord Seaforth. Presently Lord Guilford entered the room. Taking him for Lord Seaforth the lady began to ply her fingers very nimbly. Lord Guilford did the same. They had been carrying on a conversation in this manner for about ten minutes, when Lady Melville joined them. Her female friend immediately said, "Well, I have been talking away to this dumb man."

"Dumb!" cried Lord Guilford. "Bless me! I thought *you* were dumb."

It is with infinite relief we take leave of the Gallaudet Guide and Deaf Mutes' Companion (we hope we can eliminate that word "mute" from our vocabulary after having used it so constantly the past year) . . . and return to 1950 and the years ahead.



ANTON J. NETUSIL

## ***Iowan Furnishes Home With Own Creations***

*By NORMAN G. SCARVIE*

A firm believer in the maxim that "A man's home is his castle," is Anton Netusil of Council Bluffs. He has furnished his house accordingly, with products of his own creation. In his complete woodworking shop in the basement, he has made all pieces of furniture for the house, excepting a very few antique heirlooms. Nearly everything is of solid walnut. He also upholstered all the overstuffed pieces. Even the venetian blinds came from his work shop, as did the ceiling mouldings in the rooms and the picture frames. His latest job was a complete renovation of the kitchen, in which he put built-in cupboards of all kinds, a breakfast nook with leather-covered seats, and other items.

Mr. Netusil not only made the furnishings, but also devised various conveniences in all parts of the house. He is a union carpenter and spends his summers building houses. He received his first training from his father, who was a cabinet maker and carpenter from Bohemia.

Mr. Netusil is married to the former Helen Carr of Iowa. They have two children, Helen and Tony. Now a senior in high school, Tony has been working with his father at carpentry the past two summers. The daughter is 9, a fourth grader. Mr. Netusil is a Nebraska School graduate, and Gallaudet College.

# *The Educational Front and Parents' Dept. . . .*

RICHARD G. BRILL, *Editor*

## **School Administration, Past and Future**

Supervisor Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
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A DEAF PERSON'S SCHOOL is very near and very dear to him. It was the nucleus of his life during his formative years. Where he attended and when he graduated identifies him in his society and such facts are often mentioned in



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introductions and conversations at first meetings. Two or three reasons could be given as to why a deaf citizen's alma mater means more to him than the high school or college of a

hearing person.

The administration of schools for the deaf has changed greatly in the current generation and will continue to change as modern administrative techniques are more and more applied to the management of schools for the deaf. Knowing that their schools and their successful administration mean so much to deaf people, I thought that I could share some observations that have interested me for some time.

In the building up of our society, our leaders had to learn to manage the new agencies that arose. The Hartford school was a new agency, and we remember how Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet struggled with administrative problems. He had so many difficulties because there was no administrative pattern to follow. What Gallaudet learned was passed on to other superintendents and they have been learning from each other ever since. There was no other source of information, and a school for the deaf is a unique kind of educational institution that is not easy to administer.

It was not my opportunity to know intimately many of the superintendents of the generation now ended. However, the administrations of several that I have known, and known of, fit into quite a definite pattern.

One interesting characteristic of the administration of those men of the old school was that of saving money. This was natural, considering the political and economic philosophies of their time. They were naturally conservative and spent no more money than was abso-

lutely necessary. Often needed improvements and maintenance and safety expenditures were avoided or postponed for the sake of a false economy that was very expensive in the end. One superintendent, though his buildings were falling apart, refused a WPA project even though his engineer prepared it carefully and took it to his home for his signature. These men again and again turned back money to the state. Such acts served to hang up records of financial administration, set them just right with their legislators, and provided them with nice financial cushions for operation in times when planning and budgeting were not as carefully done as now.

It is interesting to note that an unspent balance at the end of a year makes an opposite impression today. Because of the detailed planning that is a part of accurate budgeting, an unspent amount at the end of a year even gives the impression of poor administration in the sense that the money should not have been requested, or that someone fell down on the carrying out of a proposed program.

The old timers had little assistance from other state agencies. During their times none of the states had planning commissions or state building departments. Even the services of state engineers often were not available way back there. Very few men have the opportunity to be well-informed in all areas of work; very few can be experts in many lines. Consequently many costly mistakes were made in planning and construction. Buildings were poorly planned and safety features were overlooked because superintendents had no assistance. One man said that he drew the plans for a dormitory with a penny pencil. No doubt many of the former superintendents located their new buildings like Andrew Jackson located the federal treasury building—right in the middle of Pennsylvania avenue.

Tomorrow's superintendent may be hampered and hindered by too much assistance and supervision from state building departments. Long-range planning takes time, as do careful building specifications and estimates of cost. Approval for buildings and improvements must be obtained from such agencies, and delays are often time-consuming.

Our schools copied the dictator pattern from the one-man administrations

of the new industrial kings of their day. Very few men knew anything about the deaf anyway, and the early superintendents really had no opportunities to share their administrations in any way. For these reasons, perhaps, the superintendents of the generation now ending administered one-man schools. One superintendent spoke of the "people of the village" as though he were their feudal lord. So strong was the personal element of the superintendent and his family in these schools that there were efforts to keep each in its respective family. There were instances of successful and unsuccessful efforts to pass a school on to a son or to a son-in-law. These men ruled their schools with an iron hand and made most of the decisions themselves. One was a "Keeper of the Keys" and it was said that if the superintendent were away for the week-end, and the pupils or staff ran out of a certain item, the children and staff did without that item until the superintendent returned. Some of these men were snappers of the fingers, so to speak; when they snapped their fingers their employees or pupils jumped. Employees were fired at will. The above are illustrations that describe the pattern of the times and should in no way reflect on the administrators, many of whom were well known for their love and consideration shown to children and employees under their responsibilities.

A school for the deaf is bigger than any one-man project could possibly be. It is no longer considered as an institution apart; because of the general recognition for the need for special education services, the modern school for the deaf is an integral part of the public education system of the state. Many state school employees are now protected by civil service, and their employment, salaries, raises in pay, vacation and sick leave allowances, and discharges and resignations are in accordance with these fixed regulations.

It seems fair to assume that all details of policy affecting a school for the deaf were made or directly approved by the school superintendent up to a decade ago. It was because of the bother of such details that one year as superintendent of the Maryland School was enough for Dr. Charles E. Ely, and he returned to teaching at Gallaudet College. In one school the superintendent was required to accept a principal, and thereupon he limited the new principal's authority to the passing of the children in the halls of the school building. This same superintendent had a teachers' meeting once a year, in the spring, and the pupils were reggraded, failed, promoted, demoted, or dropped from school by his arbitrary on-the-spot decisions. In the same school the teachers used to go to the

office to inquire if they could weigh their children or have them write letters that day.

My guess is that today's school for the deaf administrator is far removed from the all-sufficient dictator-type executive. He gives his principal, his head supervisor, his matron, and his engineer adequate authority. He and his principal realize the value of case conferences when making important decisions on children, and they both know that teachers are capable of deciding details such as when to weigh the children or when to write letters.

Our schools lack administrative assistants and clerical personnel, but even so, probably the greatest problem of the superintendent of today is that of delegating authority. Wrong decisions are so full of dynamite. Such heavy responsibilities are on his shoulders that he tends to forget that others are capable of making wise decisions. Maybe he is bothered by politics and is fearful that the large sums of money required for his school cannot continue to be justified. Because his desk is still piled high with decisions to be made on relatively unimportant matters, today's superintendent has little time to devote to those objectives which will eventually extricate him from the difficult situation in which he finds himself. He is feeling his way toward that time when he can sell state authorities on providing adequate administrative and clerical staff for his school so that he can operate somewhat ideally as described below.

Applying modern school administration to a school for the deaf, the superintendent of the future knows that no one person can come up with all the answers to all the problems in a school for the deaf. He also knows that he does not have to study all the problems of a school, and he therefore assigns certain individuals and committees to study certain problems and make recommendations. He knows that if his administration is going to be successful, he must capitalize on the initiative and cooperation of every employee, including food helpers, groundsmen, and janitors. He knows that such democratic action develops an *esprit de corps* not obtained in any other way. Politics is no problem to him because, from his first day in office, he refused to allow political consideration to enter into any decision that he made, and in a few months he had the support of both parties. He knows that no one in his state would knowingly deny deaf children anything they really needed. He therefore sets his standards high and makes his plans for telling the story of the needs of his school so that the people will have an appreciation of those needs, and their legislators will support them.

In order to have the time to develop such a program our future superintendent must come to grips with himself and his problem. He must discipline himself to delegate authority. He must not allow routine desk work, administrative details, or too many long conferences with employees to take up all his time and keep him from carrying out the activities and making the decisions that no one else can make. Included, of course, will be important decisions on finance, personnel, and discipline, and an opportunity to know each child as an individual.

The following are some of the problems to which our future superintendent will give a major portion of his time, whether his school and his staff are large or small:

1. Long-range planning in terms of enrollment, curriculum, staff, finance, buildings, and equipment.
2. Coordination of procedures and maximum use of staff.
3. In-service training.
4. Public relations.

5. A constant evaluation of the adequacy of his whole program in terms of real achievement, guidance, mental health, personal adjustment of each pupil, and actually doing the best job possible of preparing each child for adult citizenship.
6. The coordination of adequate vocational equipment, personnel, guidance, and counselling so that every diploma graduate, certificate graduate, and drop-out leaves school with a maximum of academic achievement for that individual and at least a minimum of vocational training that will make him readily employable.
7. Inauguration of procedures for recruitment, enrollment, attendance, drop-outs, and follow-up that will absolutely prevent the stark tragedies of illiterate unschooled deaf adults.

The above are merely examples of the high level on which a superintendent in the future will work. In his school, the decisions made by the principal, the head supervisor, the business executive, and the superintendent's secretary will make the superintendent of the past turn over in his grave.

## A MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF ALL DEAF CHILDREN

### *Parents Spend Life Savings In Vain*

Parental love is a wonderful thing! We know that parents of deaf children make numerous sacrifices to give their children every advantage. This is something everyone admires. We often hear of parents spending a great deal of money trying to have the hearing of their children restored. A number of our children have told us how their parents spent considerable in vain attempts to have their hearing restored.

The past few months we have had reports from several parts of the country telling how parents of deaf children kept them out of school to have their deafness cured. A beautiful gesture on the part of parents who had been promised the impossible—restored hearing for the child. Some of these parents lost their life savings.

In the Superintendent's Corner of the *Georgia School Helper* Superintendent C. A. Hollingsworth has a strong and touching article on "Quacks and False Prophets." He says "There is that person (or quack) who for \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 (according to the amount the guileless parent can raise) guarantees restoration of hearing to the deaf child. Then there is that theorist who offers educational panacea that only serves to excite false hope and to disillusion parents." He then tells of parents who brought their little daughter back to school seven weeks late. They had just spent much time and money having her treated by an osteopathic surgeon in a neighboring state. These parents had

been separated from their cash, the child had lost time from school and was as deaf as ever. The parents were disgusted.

These parents said there were hundreds of others in the same boat. They mentioned specifically a father and mother who came all the way from Detroit to find a promised cure for their little boy's deafness. They sold their car, mortgaged their home, and were left without even money to go back on.

Reports like this are not new to us. We have heard them on and off for years. The writer lost his hearing thirty-five years ago and having no reliable advisers tried many things. A chiropractor promised to restore our hearing in twenty "adjustments." We took the required number of "adjustments" and remained as deaf as ever, but poorer. We also tried a number of other things that were then advertised widely. Now we can read about them in a booklet "Deafness Cures" published by the Bureau of Investigation of the American Medical Association. It is a strong and frank expose. We have learned the hard way—through experience. We say this to parents who have deaf children: If you believe your child's hearing can be helped, see your family doctor and have him recommend a good ear specialist. Then abide by the specialist's diagnosis! In this way you will get good, honest advice at a reasonable price.

—Wesley Lauritsen.

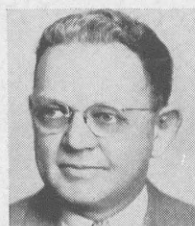
# Churches

## IN THE DEAF WORLD

WESLEY LAURITSEN, *Editor*

### Worthwhile Service

Justification of the Church Section of The Silent Worker should be based on worthwhile service. The existence of the magazine itself must likewise be based on worthwhile service. In the same way, every one of us should render worth-



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while service to justify our existence. When we do not do this, we are mere parasites drawing sustenance from others and giving nothing in return.

To live a worthwhile life we must serve. It has been said that service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy. The spirit in which we render service is important. We should serve willingly and find pleasure in serving. Our guide book for service should be the Good Book, the Bible.

It is interesting to note that all of our truly great leaders have been men of God, men who sought divine guidance. This month we celebrate the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. We have all read how Washington got down on his knees and prayed at Valley Forge. Lincoln was a religious man and often attended prayer meetings.

Our great leaders have invariably felt that God's help was necessary to carry on. We remember Calvin Coolidge. When he was notified that his Chief had died, he wired his pastor in Washington to meet him there on his arrival. The pastor and Mr. Coolidge, who had just taken the oath as president, went to a hotel room and got down on their knees asking for divine guidance. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is considered one of the greatest Americans, in endorsing the Universal Bible Sunday said, "I feel that a comprehensive study of the Bible is a liberal education for anyone. Nearly all of the great men of our country have been felled-versed in the teachings of the Bible, and I sincerely hope that the habit of Bible study will be developed among the people."

While we are speaking of great men and religion, we might give you this quotation from the writings of Benjamin Franklin:

"I believe in one God, the creator

of the universe. That He governs it by His providence. That He ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable service we render to Him is doing good to His other children. That the soul of man is immortal and will be treated with justice in another life respecting its conduct in this."

Let us learn from our leaders; let us render worthwhile service, using our Bible as our guide.

### See You In Church

"Living in this world of noise and confusion requires peace within my mind and my soul. I find this when I sit in the quietness of the Sanctuary of God's House."

"I must have faith, if I am to know life's best. When I go to Church, I find the way to believe in myself, to believe in others, and to increase my faith in God."

"I, too, have known heartbreak and despair. In the Church, I have found comfort for my broken heart and there I have found hope for my broken plans."

"Like you, I have dreams of a better world, but I am too weak to do much about it until I meet God in the Sanctuary. There I find the Strength I must have."

*Meet Your Friends at Church*

### Catholic Mission At Providence, R. I.

A Mission for all our deaf and hard of hearing was held in the Lady Chapel of Holy Name Church from Sunday, November 6th, to November 13th. Father McPhillips was in charge and Father Godfrey, C.P., was the preacher.

It was a very beautiful and inspiring Mission and Father Godfrey made a tremendous "hit" with everyone. It seems as though each night the crowd became larger and larger. Deaf people came from Fall River, Newport, New Bedford, and Worcester. Our thanks to the members of St. Francis de Sales Guild who served refreshments each night after Benediction. The Mission closed at 9:00 Mass on the 13th, after which Father Godfrey gave the Papal Blessing. A small Mission Cross was given to all as a memento of the Mission—*Ephpheta*.

### Dr. Edwin Nies Attains Priesthood

Dr. Edwin C. Nies, D.D.S., was ordained into the priesthood of the Episcopal Church, January 8, 1950, in New York City. Dr. Nies will head St. Ann's Church for the Deaf in that city.

Dr. Nies's contacts with the Church begin back in the spring of 1906, when he was baptized at St. Ann's Church for the Deaf by the Rev. John Chamberlain, D.D., associate of the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet and vicar of St. Ann's. Returning to residence in New York City in 1914 after his college years, Dr. Nies took an active part in all phases of the work of St. Ann's. He served in various offices of both the Men's Club and of the Chapel's organization. He also served as a lay-reader for several years.

On June 12, 1949, he was ordained a deacon by the Rt. Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of New York.

In 1918 Dr. Nies was elected a trustee of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes, the organization which has had oversight of the Gallaudet Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf since its founding by the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet. For over fifteen years he served as secretary of this organization and as a member of its executive committee.

Dr. Nies' ordination into the priesthood was featured in a recent issue of *Newsweek*.

### Sioux Falls, S. D., To Have New Church for Deaf

Construction work has begun on lots at Ninth street and Mable avenue for the chapel that is to be the future home of Trinity Lutheran church for deaf. This start of construction marks the beginning of the fulfillment of a cherished dream of the congregation which has always met in the past in other Lutheran churches of the city.

The chapel, of prefabricated frame construction, will measure 20 by 60 feet. Located just across the street from the South Dakota School for the Deaf campus, it will make church attendance possible also for the younger Lutheran deaf pupils and much easier for the older boys and girls. The chapel will have a full basement and thereby make possible more social and educational activities for the adult members.

Erection of the chapel is being financed by the South Dakota division of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (Missouri Synod).

The Editor of the Church Department desires news and pictures from churches of all denominations. Send anything you may have to Wesley Lauritsen, Minnesota School for the Deaf, Faribault, Minnesota. Thank you.

## Sermon of the Month



REV. J. A. BEYER

Text: Romans 8:16,17a "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."

When a man of wealth dies, his relatives look forward to the reading of the will, and each one hopes he has been "remembered." Men want what money will buy, but life has always been man's most precious possession. And Christianity conveys the free gift of an endless life to every follower of Jesus of Nazareth.

The Christian religion is both inclusive and exclusive. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," says Christ. That includes all, also such as have fallen deeply like the woman taken in adultery and the dying thief upon the cross.

Without Christ, however, there is no inheritance and no life eternal. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we *must* be saved." Everybody, yes, *everybody* who does not accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior will be disqualified as an heir to God, and be lost eternally.

Jesus rejected those who sought salvation and life eternal on a way of their own choosing rather than on His way of repentance and faith in the Christ of Calvary. And He still excludes all those who try to raise themselves up by their own bootstraps of noble character, deeds of charity toward the underprivileged and the like.

Excluded and disinherited by reason of our own sins we now hear a most wonderful message: "Ye are heirs." Why? How did we become eligible again to inherit? What qualifications can even the best of us advance? Do we have any reason at all to swell with pride over any-

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Lutheran Minister to the Deaf at  
Seattle, Washington

thing that we are, or have done? Certainly not.

The world is full of people who like to feel that they are children of God and therefore heirs. But from the life they lead, from their associations with worldly-minded men who have no interest or part in Christ and His Kingdom, from their disregard of the House of God and the Word of God, from their neglect of prayer and the sacraments, from their unwillingness to confess the name of Christ before men and from their failure to lead a positive and exemplary Christian life, we must conclude that they are *not* children of God, and therefore *not* heirs.

However, lasting joys none but God's true children know. The Bible calls earthly wealth uncertain riches. And many of us have learned the bitter truth of that in the crash of 1929, and ever since. But the riches of Christ are eternal, and sure. To those who possess a large store of this world's goods we Christians can say:

I'm just as rich as you;  
I have a mansion, too.  
I'm an heir with Christ;  
My home's beyond the blue.  
My Father owns it all,  
The earth and heaven, too,  
And I've a home awaiting,  
And I'm just as rich as you.

St. Paul writes: "Ye are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." But be sure to file your claim. Don't be a missing heir by failing to follow Jesus in true and lasting faith. Don't be so foolish as to throw away your inheritance, your crown of life. Be smart! Accept Christ's free grace and hold fast to it. David Windsor lost the crown of the British Empire, because of the sin of taking another man's wife. Don't let some pet sin of yours rob you of *your* crown of everlasting life.

No matter how great our grief, how intense our suffering during this life, let's remember: it won't last forever. But all the joy, and bliss and peace of heaven *will* last forever and ever.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

## Dedication of Parsonage and Youth Center of the First Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Washington, D. C.

On Sunday morning, Sept. 25, the altar in First Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Washington, D. C. was dedicated to the service of God. The Rev. Floyd Possehl delivered an inspiring sermon, and the chapel was crowded to the very doors.

The choir of our Lutheran congregation for the deaf at Baltimore, Md., sang "Now Thank We All Our God," and the choir of First Lutheran Congregation at Washington, composed of Gallaudet College students, rendered "The Church's One Foundation."

The pastor of the church, the Rev. W. Westermann, performed the rites of dedication.

One of the main attractions in the chapel is the beautiful painting above the altar. It was done by a friend, Mr. Hageman of New York, and shows Christ the Good Shepherd holding a black lamb in His arms symbolizing the love of Christ for sinners.

The God of Love grant that we all, and many more of our deaf friends, will be regular and faithful attendants at this altar.

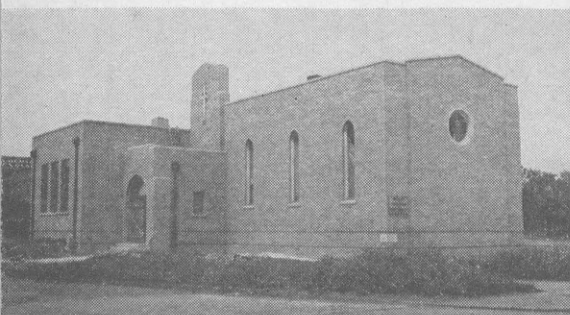
At noon a lunch was served in the basement of Christ Lutheran Church. Then the deaf of Baltimore and the deaf of Washington had an opportunity to meet and learn to know one another better. At 3 P. M. the entire congregation went to the newly acquired parsonage to dedicate it to the service of God, and also the home center for the deaf of Washington. Rev. Wm. Bruening of Christ Church performed the dedicatory rites.

May the house and the Center be a place where many of our students of Gallaudet College and Kendall School find a home away from home where they will learn more about their God and Savior.

W. W. *The Deaf Lutheran.*

Parsonage and Youth Center  
First Lutheran Church for the Deaf  
Washington, D. C.





Christ Lutheran Church for Deaf  
at Cleveland

### **Dedication of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Cleveland, Ohio**

Christ Lutheran Church of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the many churches for the deaf which have been or will be built by the Lutheran denomination, was dedicated on the second Sunday after Trinity, June 26. Two dedicatory services were held, in which Rev. Theo. Dorn and Rev. John H. Meyer, President of the Central District, preached the sermons. Four of our ministers to the deaf interpreted, namely, Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Rev. Herbert Rohe, Rev. J. Beyer, and Rev. E. Scheibert. Two choirs of Cleveland and Akron, robed in beautiful gowns, interpreted the hymns. Over 500 persons attended the services.

As can be seen from the picture, the church is built in modernistic style and can seat one hundred persons. In the wing to the rear, which is the social hall, one hundred more persons can so be seated as to have full view of the altar. All interior furnishings of the church, except four pews, are gifts from individuals or groups. The hall, adjoined to the rear of the church, has a stage, church office, and kitchen, and can seat over 125 persons. The entire structure costs about \$64,000. We owe special thanks to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, to the Board of Directors, to the Mission Board, and to Central District churches, all of whom have contributed great amounts to make our church possible. The church is centrally located, one mile from downtown, so that it is easily accessible for all persons concerned. We now pray God that He may greatly bless us in our new house of worship, that we may use it to His glory and the blessing of many immortal souls.

—*Theo. Fredeking, Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church.*

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### **Large Class Confirmed In Wisconsin**

At 2 P.M. on November 13, at Christ Church, Delavan, Bishop B.F.P. Ivins confirmed what was possibly the largest class of deaf people in Wisconsin to receive the laying on of hands. Most of them had been prepared by our energetic deacon, Silas Hirte. I read the presentation and also interpreted. The text of my sermon was "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love."

Those confirmed were: Buford Hunter, Guy Kelly, Milton Lee and James Long, students at the school for deaf, Delavan; Mrs. Anthony Baran, Mrs. Marvin Goff, Phillip Plocar and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Phillips, all of Delavan; Patricia Rise, Milwaukee; Mabel Smerchek, Racine; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long, Beloit; Fay Campton, Rockford, Ill.; Mrs. Walter Witczak, Racine.

After confirmation I received the following into communion: Mrs. Fay Campton, Anthony Baran and Walter Witczak.

Thus on one afternoon 18 deaf persons became members of the Episcopal Church. The congregation numbered 73. After the service a reception was held in the hall and cake and coffee were served.

Bishop Ivins can be informal too. Just before he left, after the confirmation, he said "Good-by" to the congregation, a gesture which endeared him immediately to all present. There were quite a few from out of the city.

—*Rev. A. G. Leisman, in The Mission Lane.*

### **New Catholic Group At New Orleans, La.**

Special services for the deaf were held at St. Katherine Church, Sunday, October 30th. The sermon was delivered by Father David Walsh, C.Ss. R. Father W. F. Darling, C.M., pastor of St. Katherine Church, said that he was happy to have the colored deaf mutes of the city meet there for their monthly meeting and sermon.

This society was organized by Father Walsh at St. Katherine Church in September, 1949 and is expanding rapidly. Father Walsh said: "I am anxious to gather all the deaf in the city together and work with them. We have made a small beginning here at St. Katherine and hope to gather all the deaf in the city into the society."

Pictured at right are the Reverend Homer E. Grace and Mrs. Grace. The round of courtesies tendered the couple last fall testifies to the high esteem in which Reverend Grace is held by the members of his widely-scattered flock, to whom he has ministered so faithfully.

### **Reverend Homer E. Grace**

Missionary to the Deaf for a Quarter  
of a Century

One of the deaf men who is successfully ministering to the deaf of America is the Reverend Homer E. Grace, of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Grace lost his hearing at the age of seven, spinal meningitis being the cause. He attended the Kansas School for the Deaf and Gallaudet College, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1911.

On June 10, 1924, Mr. Grace was ordained a deacon and on March 8, 1925 he became a full priest. Now he has worked in the Lord's vineyard for more than a quarter of a century, ministering to the deaf in his hometown community, Denver, Colorado. His circuit also includes Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colorado, Omaha, Neb., Des Moines, Iowa, Faribault and St. Paul, Minn., and Sioux Falls, S. D.

The Rev. Mr. Grace preaches in each of these stations about once a month and usually makes the rounds alone. Last October he took Mrs. Grace with him on the trip. This was in a way to celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary. Members of Mr. Grace's flock honored the couple all along the way.

In Council Bluffs the Graces were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McConnell. The Glenn Pooles were also present. In Omaha they were dinner guests of the T. Scott Cuscadens, also of the James Jellineks. In Des Moines they had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Koons and Mrs. Robinson. In Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Myrlin Edwards took them on a sightseeing drive thru the Tri-Cities. Reaching Faribault, they guests at a club meeting. Taken to the Clock room in the Hampshire Arms, Minneapolis, the Colorado couple were dinner guests of Philip Cadwell.



# From the sublime TO THE RIDICULOUS...

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## A VALENTINE

*Your hair is green,  
Your eyes are red,  
Your feet are big,  
And you're a dread;  
And you are flat,  
And skinny, too,  
That's why the fellers run from you!*

—HOWARD L. TERRY  
(Los Angeles)

## A SEQUEL

(Hi! Crutch)

*Now Will and Sal can beat the air  
With hand and finger, hit or misses.  
No longer need they sit and stare  
Into each other's comely phizzes,  
Nor waste their time—the happy  
pair!—*

*Exchanging boresome hugs and  
kisses.*

*But whoa! Are they? It happens thus:  
Skilled both at signing and mug-  
ging,*

*Our Will, it seems, prefers to buss,  
And Sal is sold on simple hugging!*

—HORACE DEHORCE  
(Indianapolis)

*Oh, Valentine! Will you be mine?  
I'll paint your face with turpentine;  
And on your nose I'll hang this sign:  
"Keep off the grass. Ten dollars fine!"*

—LAURA KOWALEWSKI  
(Berkeley)

Speaking of fines, among my  
Christmas bills was one for "One  
'Pullover,' \$15." (And it wasn't  
something to wear, either.)

## DEFINITION

*People are daft!*

*In winter they call a summer breeze  
A draft.*

—E. L. ROGERSON  
(Ogden)

*Maybe I'm daft,  
But after a beer (the barman calls  
it a draught)  
I feel people are sane—the language  
is daft.*

—Elmer Long  
(Gardena, Calif.)

## CLASSROOM SCENE

The teacher is busily engaged at  
his desk rifling and otherwise mur-  
dering a huge stack of papers in Eng-  
lish Composition class. The pseudo-  
students are busily pseudo-studying  
. . . i. e., shooting peas with the lips,  
hurling paperwads with their hands,  
and almost successfully signing with  
the feet. Teacher reads a passage in  
a certain amateur cowpoke's paper:  
"I braked bronks all summer."

(Following takes place in the fin-  
ger-alphabet), teacher (looking up):  
Slim, what kind of brakes were those,  
hydraulic?

Slim (with disdain): What you  
talking about? You from the East,  
bet you never heard of a cayush  
broken.

Teacher (patiently): But I have.  
Only you break horses.

Slim (going back to his p.s.):  
Well, that's what I said, I braked  
bronks.

—M.D.G.

## MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Miss Talkand Hear, a young  
teacher for the deaf, sat in a railroad  
car of the Boston & Maine Line at  
Concord, New Hampshire. Below her  
window stood her hosts, the Deff-  
mans, chattering back and forth in  
sign language. Nearby hovered the  
brakeman. The train began to move  
just as the brakeman swung himself  
on board.

Miss Hear looked up to see the  
conductor approaching in her direc-  
tion. At his heels followed the brake-  
man. As the two men neared her seat,  
the brakeman, in an effort to be help-  
ful, spoke over the conductor's shoul-  
der. "She's DEEF and dumb." Miss  
Hear, momentarily taken aback,  
mimicking the brakeman's New Eng-  
land accent, piped up, "OH, no she  
AIN'T!" The surprised conductor let  
out an ear-piercing guffaw, and the  
red-faced brakeman made a sheepish  
getaway, much to the delight of the  
other passengers.

—ESTHER F. COHEN  
(Concord, N. H.)

## THEY WERE MARRIED AND—

*The wedding was the same as wed-  
dings go,*

*We aren't a "sassity" editor so we  
wouldn't know*

*If the bride wore satin, orgundy or  
bride's illusion'd—*

*If the bridegroom was happy or dis-  
illusion'd.*

*But after the wedding, just as a favor,  
We'll tell you she wore lipstick with  
strawberry flavor.*

—EARL ROGERSON  
(Ogden, Utah)

For many years D. Deffman had  
been employed as press reviser at  
Rumford Press, printers of *Readers'  
Digest* and many other nationally  
known magazines. He was highly re-  
spected for his intelligence despite his  
deafness.

One unusually busy day Deffman  
was interrupted by a janitor, who  
sometimes ran errands. "You're  
wanted in the press room," said the  
floor sweeper.

Deffman, giving him a quizzical  
look, asked, "What for?"

The janitor didn't know, but in-  
sisted, "Come on."

Presenting himself before the press  
foreman, Deffman asked, "Well?"

The foreman answered with a  
blank stare, then turned to the janitor  
and exploded, "I said get the dum-  
my!"

(To the uninitiated, a "dummy"  
in printer's lingo is a sample  
copy of instructions to be fol-  
lowed.)

—ESTHER F. COHEN  
(Concord, N. H.)

# National Association of the Deaf

BYRON B. BURNES, *President*

ROBERT M. GREENMUN, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## **Austin Convention Date**

At the Cleveland convention it was decided that national conventions of the N.A.D. should be held every four years, instead of every three years as in the past. The chief reason for making the change was that it would avoid future conflicts with conventions of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, which occur every four years. The N.F.S.D. is to meet in Chicago in 1951. The change would also mean that the deaf of the country would enjoy a great national convention every two years, since the N.A.D. and the N.F.S.D. conventions would alternate every two years after 1949.

Bill Lucas, Chairman of the Austin Local Committee, has found that the decision to hold the next convention in 1953, instead of 1952, may result in a number of inconveniences, and he has requested that the date be changed back to 1952. Among the important reasons he offers is the fact that the Texas Legislature meets in Austin during that year and might run on into the summer, making it practically impossible for N.A.D. conventioners to find lodging. Business conditions in Austin are most favorable for a convention right now, and the longer the meeting is put off, the less favorable things may be.

Mr. Lucas' argument has been presented to the Executive Board and it is quite likely that the date may be changed to 1952. Final announcement as to the decision of the Board will be made in an early number of *THE SILENT WORKER*. Article VI, Section 1 of the N.A.D. By-laws authorizes the Executive Board to change the time of conventions when circumstances warrant.

If the Austin convention is to be held in 1952, it will necessitate other changes in order to get back to the quadriennial routine, and alternation with N.F.S.D. conventions. A special convention is scheduled to be held in 1955 in Cincinnati, in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Association. It might be that this could be made a regular convention, and that the Association could continue to meet every three years until 1961, at which time it would change to the quadriennial meetings. There are numerous other possibilities which might be considered. Members are invited to submit their own suggestions.

## **Endowment Fund Growing**

In the few weeks since Vice President

Lawrence Yolles went into action as Chairman of the Endowment Fund campaign, he has sent in to Treasurer Greenmun \$1322.00 to be added to the Fund. This sum represents life membership fees and contributions solicited by Mr. Yolles and his committee. It should be noted that this amount has been realized before the Committee has really begun its work. It indicates that when the campaign gets into full swing, the Fund should grow fast.

The sum reported by Mr. Yolles, together with funds already in the hands of the Treasurer, makes a total of around \$2500.00 added to the Fund since the Cleveland convention, including life membership fees collected at Cleveland.

Contributions to the Fund are being solicited from the deaf and from everyone else interested in the cause of the deaf, but since it is for their own welfare, it behooves the deaf themselves to get behind the movement and turn in their contributions.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Smith of Battle Creek, Michigan, have led the way for all the deaf with a contribution of twenty-five dollars. Accompanying the Smiths' check, which was unsolicited, was the following letter from Mr. Smith:

Are we deaf American citizens big enough and strong enough to 'put it across' when we have plenty of money? Each deaf American should contribute, out of gratitude for what the N.A.D. has done for the deaf.

It has always been a puzzle to us why most of the deaf at N.A.D. conventions were willing to blow their hard-earned money for good times and failed to recognize the urgent need of N.A.D. expansion into its own headquarters, as urged repeatedly by the serious-minded N.A.D. leaders . . .

Mrs. Smith and I are donating this modest sum of twenty-five dollars as a contribution to the N.A.D. need of a Home Office.

How right is Mr. Smith! Who will be the next to contribute to the Home Office?

## **Reorganization**

For some years past there has been a clamoring in certain quarters for reorganization of the N.A.D. Where a need is so widely expressed, there must be some reason, yet the present officials of the N.A.D. are not of the opinion

that reorganization is the most pressing issue. They agree that reorganization of the Association and its relationship with state associations will have to be accomplished in due time, but that the matter can wait until the need is more evident.

Talk of reorganization has been heard ever since the Association was founded, and it has been reorganized from time to time, down through the years, through changes and revisions in its laws.

Clamor for reorganization has become a sort of habit among some people with nothing better to discuss. There seem to be some with bones to pick who stand up and shout for reorganization, but none of these has yet offered any kind of plan by which the N.A.D. might be effectively reorganized.

Several years ago a reorganization committee set up by the Association devised a plan which was widely publicized. It represented long hours of tedious work on the part of many members of a brilliant committee. It had its good points and its bad, but it attracted so little interest it was allowed to fall by the wayside.

The theory of the present administration is that in time to come a revision of the laws must be made which will enable the Association to maintain closer and more effective relations with numerous local organizations. The task of reorganization should not be attempted, however, until the home office is established. Then there will be officials on duty who will have time to give serious study to the reorganization problem, and there will be a place to keep the records and to carry on the correspondence involved in the details of a greater organization.

## **Publicity**

The efforts of the N.A.D. to publicize its works and its needs are gradually taking effect, which is a good sign for all the deaf. Hardly a day passes that the Secretary does not receive requests for information on the Association and on the deaf in general. The Secretary answers all such requests, and as a result he is swamped with letters. They come from educators, churchmen, students, librarians, and countless others.

This is a far cry from the old days, not so many years ago, when not more than a half dozen such requests were received a year.

New Movie to Show Deaf Character in

# "NO WAY OUT"

V. A. Becker teaching stars sign language for  
use in coming picture

By HAROLD SWISHER

Motion Picture Editor of United Press Radio

THERE'S A MAN on temporary duty at 20th Century-Fox studios who has a job on his hands. Literally, that is.

He's teaching the sign language to Richard Widmark, Linda Darnell and Harry Bellaver, for the screen drama, "No Way Out." Widmark and Bellaver play hard-bitten gangsters in the picture, which means they must "talk" with their fingers like a pair of toughies.

V. A. Becker is the instructor. He's the California State Department of Education Rehabilitation Officer for the Deaf. Becker became proficient in the sign language when he was a child, living next door to the Iowa School for the Deaf, in Council Bluffs.

He played with children in the school, learned the language and went to their dances. For a few years, as he grew up, his best girl was a student. The association inspired an interest in the problem of educating the deaf which channeled his career.

This picture, said Becker, offers a challenge. The hand movements of the sign language, as "talked" by most of the deaf, is beautiful to watch. The fingers, hands and arms move gracefully through the air.

But Widmark and Bellaver are as rough as they come. And that hard-

bitten attitude must be reflected in their fingered conversations, abrupt gestures which point up their depravity.

Becker has found it easy to teach the sign language to Widmark, Bellaver and Miss Darnell, all of whom must use it at times during the story. Bellaver is the deaf character of the trio.

"Actors are experts at gesturing," the instructor said. "The sign language is just an expansion of that. And in the case of Bellaver, my job is doubly easy. He's not only an actor, he's an Italian as well."

*Editor's Note: Harold Swisher, whose United Press Radio story is herewith reproduced with his permission, interviewed V. A. Becker on the set of 20th Century-Fox' "No Way Out," for which Mr. Becker acted as technical adviser and instructor on all scenes connected with sign language.*

Mr. Swisher started his newspaper career as the one-man United Press Bureau at Sacramento, California; then, successively, headed the Portland, Oregon and Los Angeles Press Bureaus. After the five-year U.P. stints, he was Managing Editor of the Hollywood Citizen-News for 13 years; returning to United Press six years ago as head of its nine-state West Coast Bureau. His daily Hollywood feature story as Motion Picture Editor of United Press Radio, is heard over 500 stations, and is widely quoted. Mr. Swisher's intimacy with top industry stars and officials never keeps him from writing witty and sympathetic stories about less-than-top-bracket movie folk, which makes him one of the most respected and affectionately-regarded newspapermen in Hollywood. His write-up on "No Way Out" was secured for THE SILENT WORKER by Lil Hahn.

At right, Becker undertakes the undeniably pleasant chore of teaching Linda Darnell to make the sign for "salt." The Greeks had a phrase for it—nice work if you can get it.



Richard Widmark could not possibly be referring to himself in this picture. His instructor tells us all three stars of NO WAY OUT were exceptionally "handy" at mastering the sign language.

"No Way Out" is another in the series of pictures on the Negro question which Hollywood is turning out these days. Producer Darryl F. Zanuck and Director Joe Mankiewicz say this is the first one to portray the Negro in a white man's world.

It's a story about a young Negro interne in a hospital prison ward. Dick Paxton plays the Widmark brother who dies on the operating table, after he has been shot in a holdup attempt. Widmark blames the Negro doctor, and sets out to gain revenge.

The story is from an original by Beverly Hills writer Lesser Samuels. He said he had been contemplating doing a story on the psychological effects of hatred. Then his daughter became engaged to a young doctor, and the house began to be filled with youthful medicos. Samuels pumped them all for background material.

He pounded out the yarn in a month, and his agent mailed 50 mimeographed copies to the studios. The best offer—\$85,000—came from Darryl Zanuck, headman of 20th Century-Fox. Declares Samuels:

"I guess there's no doubt that I have made my daughter's wedding pay off."

Becker hides behind a handsome pair of initials reminiscent of a GI assistance bureau, but in strict confidence we will reveal that his given name is Valentine. This, of course, makes him an ideal subject for THE SILENT WORKER's February cover. His "pupils" are Harry Bellaver and Linda Darnell. The trio are obviously on friendly terms.



# *SWinging 'round the nation*

## NEW HAMPSHIRE . . .

Once again tragedy has struck in our midst. The recent death, by drowning, of Louis Charles Venne of Manchester, has us all baffled. He had told his mother he was going for a walk. When he did not return within a reasonable time, his family started to investigate. Footprints in the snow led them to Clark's pond, near their home, where they saw Louis' head above water about 75 feet from the water's edge. Police recovered the body and burial was in Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Allegaert of Laconia were called to New Jersey to the bedside of Mr. Allegaert's mother, who is very ill. During their two-weeks' stay in New Jersey, they were the dinner guests, one evening, at the home of the Wainwright Pearsalls of Maplewood, N. J.

Mrs. Charles Marston, Manchester, is corresponding with Miss Bella McHardy of far away Dundee, Scotland. Miss McHardy was a houseguest at the Marston home for a week last summer during her three-months' visit to the States. She sailed for home on the Queen Elizabeth after having made many new friends in America.

At its last regular meeting the members of the New Hampshire Association of the Deaf elected the following officers to serve for the next two years: Alphonse Gosselin, president; Charles Marston, vice president; Armand Vaillancourt, secretary; and Rita Vaillancourt, treasurer.

Mr. John Bruce of Concord is slowly regaining strength after having been in the hospital with a heart ailment.

Miss Blanche Boucher of Manchester motored with friends to Hartford, Conn., to take in the Frat-Football affair at the American School for the Deaf. She had never seen the School and enjoyed the junket very much.

Another grandchild has come to the Joseph Lamprons of Nashua, and Grandpa Lampron proudly tells us now there are five little hottentots to amuse him!

## MISSOURI . . .

The first annual Bazaar of the Kansas City Club for the Deaf, Inc., held for the benefit of the 1950 MAAD tournament fund, under the chairmanship of Jane McPherson was held November 26 and drew a large crowd. The most popular attraction was the miniature dolls which were dressed by the ladies, and were sold by chances on a wheel by "barkers" Albert Stack and Cleve Ready. Visitors

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from afar included the Ed Hukills, Tulsa, Okla., and Luther Stack, now an instructor at the Arkansas School.

December 3 found a chartered bus from the Omaha Club of the Deaf in Kansas City for a day of fun; bowling, basketball, and dancing. The get-up was the idea of Oscar Treuke, Omaha, vice-president of the NAAD. Visitors during the evening included Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott Cuscaden, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lahn and Mrs. Margaret Osborne, who were brought to the club by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ferguson, of Olathe, after the basketball game between the Iowa and Kansas Schools. James Hopkins, Mrs. Clarence Poucher and Mary Smith, of St. Joseph, Mo., and Tom Allen of Topeka, Kans., were other visitors.

Television owners are the Sydney Peltzmanns and LeRoy Wheeler, the latter being the owner of a Bendix set.

Norman Steele's mother, Mrs. Rose Steele, has returned from an extensive rail trip to the Pacific Northwest and California.

Alvin O'Connor and his bride, the former Viola Spry of Omaha, stopped at Olathe, Kans., to visit the Albert Stack family and paid a visit to the KCCD clubrooms after watching Alvin's



The Philip Katz family of Riverside, California. Son Norman is an ROTC officer and Beverly, a senior at the Berkeley School, hopes to enter Gallaudet next year. Philip is a tailor at March Field Air Base.

hearing brother Pat, play on the basketball team of nearby Rockhurst College. Alvin and Viola, for their honeymoon, traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio, through Kentucky to Little Rock, Ark., where they spent two days with the Luther Stacks before coming to Olathe. They are now at home on their farm in Blaine, Kans.

Josephine Little flew home to Indianapolis for the Christmas holidays; the Pat McPhersons took a week's vacation and spent it in Charles City, Iowa, with Pat's sister and her family; Santina Benedet spent her holidays with her family in Pittsburgh, Kans.; the Geo. Steinhauers and daughter, Patsy, and Ola Haynes, Mrs. Steinhauer's sister, spent their Christmas in Tulsa, Okla.

## OREGON . . .

From Georgia Ulmer of Salem we learn that Mrs. Richard Esau was honored with a shower on a recent Sunday afternoon. Hostesses were Mesdames Clifton Toombs, Lewis Kuenzi, and Thomas Ulmer. Games were played and Georgia entertained the gathering with a poem "I Am My Own Grandpaw," which was really funny.

Mrs. Keith Lange was complimented at a stork shower at the home of Mrs. Bud Cleland. Hostesses were Mesdames Cleland, Wayne Schaffer and Ulmer. Some twenty close friends of Mrs. Lange gathered to present her with diapers, pins and all the other paraphernalia that the care and feeding of an infant entails.

Homecoming football games at the Oregon School saw many out-of-towners descend upon the school and most of them remained for the party that evening. Noted among the many visitors was Stewart Turnbull, President of the Oregon Assn. of the Deaf. Affair was chairmaned by Keith Lange with the assistance of Thomas Ulmer.

## NEW MEXICO . . .

Godfrey Adams and Joe Owen took a special course in dairying at the New Mexico A&M College at Messita Park, November 28, 29, and 30.

The Oklahoma School's basketball team visited Santa Fe December 8-11 and beat the New Mexico team in all games.

Luck was with Bob Clingenpeel and Walter Smith on their last hunting trip. Each of them returned with pheasant, shot near Belen, the weekend of December 10-11.

Don Bradford's parents of El Paso, Texas, visited Don during Thanksgiving

and enjoyed some of the venison which Don bagged the week before. Don is still talking about shooting his first deer.

Thanksgiving vacation saw Alice Lusk, Mary Sladek, Miriam Adams, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Ridings off to El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mex. They did quite a bit of Christmas shopping south of the border.

Others who left town during Thanksgiving were the Thomas Dillons, who visited relatives in Albuquerque and Frank Pucetti who journeyed to the same city to be with his family.

The above items came to us from Mary Sladek who, incidentally, arrived home in Long Beach, Calif., early the afternoon of Saturday, December 17, after a 20-hour auto trip from Santa Fe with Alice Lusk in the Wukadinovich automobile. With Mike and Elodie taking turns at the wheel, the trip was made in record time and Mary was met in Riverside by brother Frank, who rushed her home so that she might play the part of Santa Claus to the delighted children at the Long Beach Club of the Deaf.

## NEW YORK . . .

Mrs. Ruth Purviance, Detroit, Mich., spent a recent three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mintz. Ruth was wined and dined royally and her host and hostess took her to numerous Broadway shows.

Moses Loew is all smiles these days because daughter Marjorie is home from Kyoto, Japan.

After living in England for five years, the Henry Plapingers' daughter, Dorothy and her husband, have taken up residence in Washington, D. C.

Wedding anniversaries are being celebrated all over town these days. The James R. Quinn's were surprised by 60 persons who gathered at the Skipper Restaurant to honor their 5th anniversary. The Norris Fleischer's were feted later at the same spot with a banquet. Thirty couples were bidden to congratulate the Fleischer's on their 15th anniversary.

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Sally Auerbach was the recipient of many lovely gifts when a surprise birthday party was given her recently by Mr. and Mrs. George Armstrong at their home. George served as bartender and was ably assisted by Vladimir Mazur. Those who nursed hangovers the next ayem were: Messrs and Mesdames Barr, Ciavolino, Cudone, DeMaria, Farliser, Jacobs, Jaffee, Kahn, Lynch, Mazur, Nickrasz, Schreiber, Shuster, Mr. Singerman of Philadelphia and Miss Nordham. We do not know just how George and Vladimir felt the morning after but we can imagine!

## Official Search Begins for Riverside Superintendent

According to the California State Department of Architecture, invitations for contract to build the Riverside School will be issued on or about April 1, 1950. The school should open in the fall of 1951.

Dr. Herbert R. Stolz, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, writes: "On my trip through the East, I expect to have interviews with at least six men who have indicated interest in applying for the superintendency at Riverside. I am pressing to have the appointment made as of September 1, or perhaps July 1, 1950, so that the new superintendent can have a year in which to gather his staff and prepare for the opening of the school."

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The BPGD Chatter, an organ of the Brooklyn Protestant Guild of the Deaf, celebrated its second birthday with a party November 18. Bob Halligan was on hand to take pictures and everyone who came had a wonderful time playing games for lovely prizes. The proceeds went to the Chatter Maintenance Fund as the paper is run on a non-profit basis.

From the time he landed at Newark Air Terminal November 20, until he took off again November 28, Tom Peterson of Omaha, Neb., enjoyed a busy week visiting New York. He was feted by the Juan Fonts, the Marcus Kenners, and Edith Allerup, taken on a tour of Brooklyn, the New York Stock Exchange, the Union League of the Deaf headquarters, the Lexington School for the Deaf, and the Hispanic Society of America, where Mrs. Font is Assistant Curator. He also enjoyed a stroll through famed Central Park, admiring its winter beauty.

The Virginia B. Gallaudet Auxiliary of St. Ann's Protestant Episcopal Church held a bazaar on December 9 and an afghan made by Mrs. Margaret Bothner Lounsbury of the Gallaudet Home for the Aged Deaf, was won by Mrs. Seelig in a raffle conducted by the Gallaudet Home Society, Inc. Mrs. Emma Frankenheim was Chairman of the affair.

Margaret Jackson was kept busy most of November showing her friend, Jeanne Kunkler, the sights. Miss Kunkler, a resident of Switzerland, is the author of several children's fairy tales published in French.

Irene Winderman had a harrowing experience recently when the firm she works for was held up by burglars. Says Irene, "All the curl went out of my hair, that is why I had to have it cut."

Mary Betty Edmonds and Pat and Bill Rodgers motored to Washington, D. C., to see the play, "Little Women," at Gallaudet in November. There they renewed acquaintances with Shirley and Bob Panara, Martin Sternberg, Bill Simpson and Miss Edmonds' brother-and-sister-in-law, Drs. Henry and Dorothy Edmonds. Dr. Henry Edmonds is on the staff of the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

The Gallaudet Home Society, Inc., held a card party at the Lexington School Friday, November 26. LaMoyne and Franz Ascher brought along Mr. and Mrs. Leon Auerbach, who were visiting relatives for Thanksgiving. Mr. Auerbach is on the faculty of Gallaudet College.

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Patricia Lou Hill, Houston, Texas, a student at the Texas School in Austin, as she appeared in F.H.A. style show sponsored by Yaring's of Austin.

—Photo by Mears.

## Houston Teen-Ager Appears In Style Show

The photograph below shows Miss Patricia Lou Hill of Houston, Texas, as she appeared in an elaborate Holiday Style Show before the District Meeting of the Future Homemakers of America, staged by Yaring's of Austin.

Miss Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hill of Houston, is a student at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, where she was recently voted "Queen" by the student body. Her ambition is to become a fashion model. During this past summer she was employed at Sakowitz Brothers in Houston as a recording clerk and part-time model. She is now working on a part-time basis at Yaring's in Austin.

Miss Hill's appearance in this style show is part of a general program sponsored by Yaring's Teen Shop to develop poise and self-confidence among teen-agers, and to make them conscious of fashions and make-up. It is also part of a specific program directed to teen-agers

who are handicapped by deafness. It is designed to encourage this group of teen-agers to seek careers in the fashion field. It is felt that young people who are handicapped by deafness can successfully follow such careers as fashion models, beauticians, commercial artists, make-up artists, designers, and numerous others.

The style show was held before an enthusiastic audience of 1200 FHA members and their mothers. Yaring's of Austin featured in this show gift ideas, sportswear, advanced spring fashions, holiday fashions and evening dresses.

Miss Hill modeled a breath-taking strapless evening dress of white net. This gown had a shirred bodice and bouffant skirt embroidered in a gold floral motif.

Miss Hill's gown and accessories were supplied by Yaring's and her shoes by Leon's Slipper Shop. Make-up was applied by Mrs. Gladys Pollock, Yaring's own cosmetician.



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Mrs. Tanya Nash, social director of the Hebrew Association of the Deaf, was honored on November 27 at 150 West 85th St., NYC, for her 20 years of social work among the deaf. She was presented with beautiful gifts, among them a radio and a check for \$100. The affair drew an attendance of almost 500 persons.

Mrs. Abe Jaffe died in Queens General Hospital Saturday morning, December 3, a few hours after she was struck by an automobile while alighting from a bus near Union Turnpike, Queens. Mrs. Jaffe was a member of the Hebrew Association of the Deaf, the Sisterhood of H.A. D. and the Woman's Club of the Deaf. Funeral services were held on December 4 at the West End Chapel, 91st St. and Amsterdam Ave., Manhattan. She is survived by her husband, a

daughter, Pauline, her father and a sister, Honey Loft. Interment was in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Richmond Hills, Queens.

Quite successful was the Walther League Card and Bunco party ably managed by Gladys Allerup recently. There were generous distributions of prizes won by players of bunco, pinochle and 500.

Emerson Romero was the Midtown Supper Club's guest speaker on December 7. He told amazingly funny tales of his experiences in the silent movies before the advent of the talkies sent his acting career skidding, and how he organized the National Film Library of the Deaf.

Election of officers was held at the Brooklyn Protestant Guild, December 9. Those elected were Edith Allerup, pres.; Edmund Hicks, v-pres.; Berger Ericson, sec'y (re-elected); and Marion Hoag, treas. (re-elected).

From Mrs. Lucretia King of Johnson City, N. Y., we hear that something "big" is being planned for February 15, at 31 Main St., Binghamhamton, N. Y. A "Vaudeville" will be held at 7:30 that evening at the Binghamton Central High School auditorium which seats 1,300. Affair is sponsored by the Binghamton Civic Assn. of the Deaf, Binghamton Div., No. 108, NFSD Aux. Frats, Triple Cities Assn. of the Deaf, Merrill Guild of the Deaf, and Methodist Silent Worker. Proceeds will benefit the Gallaudet Home for the Aged.

Main attraction at the vaudeville will be Charles Moscovitz of Greenville, S. C., and his dog "Butch." A play will

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## Chess Tournament For The Deaf

Since the recent war there has been a tremendous revival of chess all over this country. Our servicemen picked up the game in Europe, or at USO centers, in hospitals, and from contact with officers who studied chess as a requirement during their West Point or Annapolis days. It proved an ideal war game with which to pass the time between duties. It was a struggle of minds, of time, and of physical endurance. Not long ago an international chess master played 271 games in twelve hours straight for a new world's record. He lost only three of the games. His feat was superhuman and not likely to be beaten for a long time.

Chess is fascinating because of its variety and unexpectedness. It has been calculated by mathematicians that there are 169,518,100,544,000,000,000,000 different variations possible in the first ten opening moves. This makes chess a game of infinite possibilities. Each player has his choice of moves and plan of strategy. He wins or loses or draws as he plays but even the best of games are lost by blunders.

To play a good game of chess requires intense concentration. It is an ideal game for the deaf for they are not bothered by noises or talking. However, there have never been any deaf chess masters that we know of. To become a master requires a great deal of study, practice, and tournament playing and few people have the means or time.

We believe there are thousands of deaf players all over the country. It has not been possible, to date, to have a tournament to determine the best players. But the next best thing—a tournament by mail—has been started by Mr. J. W. Stevenson of Frederick, Maryland. This could be the start of more tournaments—district, regional, and national—under sponsorship of state and national associations of the deaf.

Right now the battle of brains is going on across the nation. The players are Robert H. Kannapell of Louisville, Kentucky; J. W. Stevenson of Maryland; Vern Bruner of Chicago; Edgar Bloom, Jr., of Long Island, New York; Felix Kowalewski and Emil Ladner of Berkeley, California; Bob Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rosenkjar of Los Angeles; William E. Dunn of Linden, New Jersey.

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be given by Emerson Romero and other deaf of NYC. Howard Hall will present "Mysteries of the World of Magic" and Lee Poff, "Magic of Hollywood." All this with George Barvinchak's juggling and Romero's pantomiming, promises a most entertaining evening.

Singers and speakers during the evening will be Mrs. Victoria Nitto, Mrs. Eva Hall, Pres. Thomas A. Hinchey of the ESAD, Inc., and the Rev. Wm. Lange, Jr., Missionary to the deaf in upper state New York. For the benefit of hearing persons in the audience, interpretations will be given by Delta Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoag, and Armin Turechek, principal of the Central New York school at Rome, N. Y. M.C. will be Ralph Hoag.

## CALIFORNIA...

The parents of Gus Burges held a lovely reception at their home in San Francisco the afternoon of December 3, following the quiet ceremony which united Gus and Mary Munoz in marriage that morning at El Cerrito, Calif.

The Irvan Woodruffs have reason for being so happy these days. They have just received delivery of a new car, a Studebaker Land Cruiser four-door sedan, which is almost the next thing to flying, say they. All the car lacks are wings and a propeller.

The faculty of the California School for the Deaf held a luncheon at the Claremont in Berkeley on December 15, in honor of two retiring teachers who had completed many years of service on the staff, so many in fact that they had become almost fixtures of the institution. They were Mrs. May Cooper and Mr. Alpha W. Patterson. The latter, a printing instructor, is largely responsible for the fact that many graduates of the school are prospering in the printing trade. Both teachers will be sorely missed.

The East Bay Club of the Deaf held one of its best Christmas parties on December 3 for the children of its members. A hard-working committee composed of Mrs. Mabel Conaway, chairman, Mrs. William West, Miss Sophie Budech, Mrs. Franklin Baker and Miss Barbara McCaslin insured the affairs success. There was a short play in which living Christmas toys cavorted around a tree until Santa came. Charles Corey

was a lively Jack-in-the-Box; Harry Bernard, a balancing clown; Lucy Rodriguez, a rag doll; Elsie Ruffia, a walking, talking doll; and Claude Barlow, Robert Ames and Robert Cody enacted tin soldiers. The coming of Santa was the crowning touch to the children's evening and brought forth shrieks of delight.

The Clinton Moores believe in starting early. When baby Mabel Evelyn was born December 15, the Moores had a photographer take her picture almost immediately. A picture record of a child from babyhood is indeed a wonderful thing.

Not much news from the southern part of California this month. Everyone is deeply engrossed in preparations for Christmas. The Long Beach Club of the deaf served 200 dinners at their first Christmas celebration in the swanky Embassy Room of the Masonic Temple. Ollie Nissing rendered "Silent Night" in graceful signs accompanied by the sweet voices of five children, Jeanette Grimes, Johnny Fail, Billy Park, Joyce Grimes and Carole Park. Ollie also recited "Night Before Xmas," in the midst of which Santa Claus (Mary Sladek) bounded onto the stage from a stage door disguised as a fireplace. The children had the time of their young lives

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## Alabama School Receives Anonymous Gift of \$2850

An unknown former Alabamian who went North many years ago has given a total of \$2850 to help the medical program being carried out for boys and girls of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind.

The only conditions attached to the gifts, according to Dr. J. E. Bryan, president, were that the name of the giver not be disclosed and that Dr. Bryan not bother to write his thanks.

The letters from this unknown friend of the handicapped boys and girls of Alabama were written in pencil on inexpensive tablet paper. They indicated that the writer had few educational advantages. His first letter said that he was "raised in Alabama in the bend of the river."

He said that he wanted to do something for the state in which he was born and asked for suggestions. Dr. Bryan wrote and told him of the program designed to help Alabama boys and girls see and hear again whenever that is possible.

Within a few days Dr. Bryan had a letter enclosing a check for \$500 with a promise of more later. Shortly thereafter came an endorsed stock certificate worth \$2800.

—Talladega Home

## Vital Statistics . . .

Information regarding vital statistics should be sent to Mrs. Richard J. Jones, 1420 East 15th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

### ENGAGEMENTS:

Sam Payne and Louise Nine, Akron, Ohio.  
Henry D. Walls, Wilmington, Del., and Anna J. Bauerle, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Gordon L. Allen and Mrs. Myrtle N. Magnuson, Minneapolis, Minn.

### DEATHS:

Mrs. Johanna Jeynes, Gallaudet Home for Aged, Wappingers Falls, N. Y., Oct. 19.  
Frederick Stover, Gallaudet Home for Aged, Wappingers Falls, N. Y., Oct. 29.  
Mrs. Edna Owens, Maryland, Sept. 27.  
Henry Hoss, Omaha, Neb., Oct. 24.  
Margaret Hopkins Keller, 87, Romney, W. Va., Sept. 28.  
Eric Sampson, Sr., 91, Madison, Wis., Sept. 15.  
Mrs. John Milligan, Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 22.  
Mrs. Jane R. Burns, 83, mother of S. Robey Burns, Rockford, Ill., Dec. 23.  
John Stepan, father of Rose Stepan, Omaha, Neb., Dec. 9.  
Louis Charles Venne, Manchester, N. H.  
Mrs. Abe Jaffe, Queens, L. I., Dec. 3. Run down by an automobile.  
Mrs. Margaret Long, 70, Queens, L. I., Dec. 19. From a fall.

### BIRTHS:

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lee, Los Angeles, Calif., a boy, Oct. 20.  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shoemaker, Hanford, Calif., a girl, Oct. 2.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Brakke, Queens Village, N. Y., a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hayes, Wichita, Kan., a girl, Oct. 15.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Auxiers, Denver, Colo., a girl, Oct. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Davidson, Denver, Colo., a girl, Oct. 31.  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zeier, Madison, Wis., a girl, Oct. 6.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Heape, Rittman, Ohio, a boy, Oct. 7.  
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Baker, Staunton, Va., a boy, Nov. 23.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Moore, Oakland, Calif., a girl, Dec. 15.

### MARRIAGES:

John Thomas and Faye Crawford, Grand Junction, Colo., Oct. 20.  
Clifford DeLiere and Freda Works, Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 7.  
Leonard Johnson and Mrs. Mary Ann Delaney Exner, Mound, Minn., Oct. 19.  
Duane Clark and Rosella Gaetke, Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 2.  
Joseph Ellis and Gail Gault, Bentleyville, Pa., Sept. 17.  
Leighton Bradley and Ruth Fischer, Akron, Ohio, Oct. 15.  
Ray Barucke and Ruth McCauley, Youngstown, Ohio, Sept. 24.  
Alfred Young and Julia Tyfee, Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 10.  
John Woolridge and Ruth Lillian Norris, Long Beach, Calif., Oct. 18.  
Francis Fitzgerald and Virginia Dries, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 26.  
Arthur Wenger, Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Theresa Spence, Faribault, Minn., Dec.  
Alvin O'Connor, Blaine, Kan., and Viola Spry, Omaha, Neb.  
Gus Burges, San Francisco, and Mary Munoz, El Cerrito, Calif., Dec. 3.

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and Howard Millet, Manager of the Masonic Temple, was on hand to photograph the affair for local newspapers. The evening success is due to the untiring efforts of Ellen and Virgil Grimes, Joe and Cora Park, Mrs. Doris Irwin, John and Jerry Fail, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Polzin of Long Beach's Pierpoint Landing. Mr. and Mrs. Polzin are mem-

More firebush! Mrs. Adela Kowalski would like all and sundry to know that she is carrying her head proudly erect, instead of shamefully low, as reported in a previous issue. The Department of Agriculture (four different offices) has informed her that the firebush seedlings she gave away will never become pests in her friends' gardens. The seeds, in fact, are hard to germinate—so how could the plant become a nuisance?

### PENNSYLVANIA . . .

On November 26, a group of friends gathered at the William Gibson home to honor Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holliday on their 30th anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Holliday received several nice gifts and a tidy sum of money. Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips and the Gibsons engineered the party.

The Alumni Association of the WPSD held a basketball dance at the school on December 3. A large crowd attended and a nice profit was realized for the Electric Scoreboard Fund. The new scoreboard was used for the first time at the basketball game preceding the dance, and everyone was quite proud of it. The school varsity team beat the alumni, 57-41.

A Christmas party for the children of the club members was held at the Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf on December 18. Santa presented the children with a gift, candy, a comic book and an apple for each. An unusually

large number of children were present, and those who were late did not receive gifts. Afterwards, movies were shown. Enza Ludovico, Sam Wolfson, John Maurer, Holler Willingham and Joseph Jehovis were responsible for the party arrangements.

Miss Beryl Wills and Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Ludovico entertained the GCAA chapter on November 19. "500" was played, and prizes went to Irene Hodcock, Enza Ludovico and Mrs. Annie Cook (booby). Gifts were drawn from the "grab bag" and refreshments served. Everyone reported an enjoyable evening.

The Akron Club basketball team played the Pittsburgh Association on the Western Pennsylvania School floor on December 17. The Pittsburgh Association won 61-60. During the first two quarters, PAD was far ahead, but Akron rallied during the last quarters and almost walked off with the victory. Salopek was high scorer for PAD with 18 points, and Shropshire for Akron with 16 points. In a previous game, November 26 in Akron, PAD beat the Akron Club 61-41.

Mrs. Annie Clementson tendered a baby shower for Mrs. Pearl Cashdollar on December 11. Many nice gifts were received for the little one who is expected very soon.

These items were provided by Mrs. Carmen Ludovico. We are hoping to hear from other Pennsylvanians in the future.

### OHIO . . .

That well-travelled gentleman, Santa Claus, put in an appearance at two widely separated places in Cincinnati for the benefit of deaf parents' offspring, on two successive evenings. On December 17, he brightened the stage of the Greater Cincinnati Silent Club, distributing gifts, candy and oranges. The next evening, December 18, he appeared

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## New York Woman Dies Trying To Aid Periled Mate

The smell of gas seeping from her third-floor Astoria, Queens, apartment on Dec. 19 probably made Mrs. Margaret Long, 70, panicky. She had left her keys behind when she went out shopping last night. Banging on the door did not awaken her husband. Both Mrs. Long and her husband, William, 72, were deaf.

So, Mrs. Long went to the roof and clambered down the fire escape. She lost her footing and plunged to her death on a concrete areaway below.

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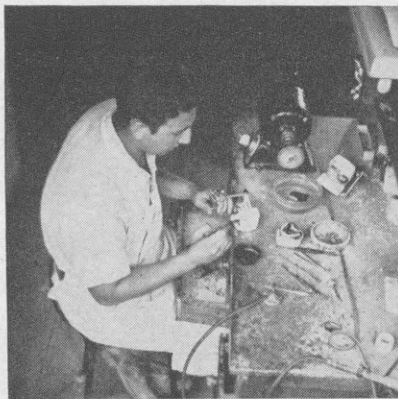
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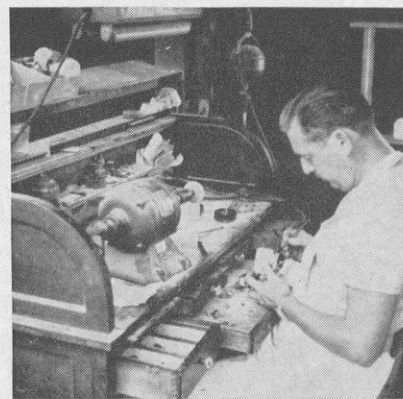
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MILTON M. WINKELMAN



25th Anniversary Banquet of Faribault Division No. 101, N.F.S.D., December 10, 1949.

## Faribault Frats Celebrate 25th Anniversary

The big banquet room of the Faribault Hotel was the scene of the twenty-fifth anniversary banquet of the Faribault Division No. 101, National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, on Saturday evening, December 10. This also being the birthday of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, founder of the education of the deaf in America, tribute was paid to him.

With eighty-five guests seated around the festive board, the epicurean banquet got underway promptly at seven. Red, white, and blue tapers, many bouquets of banquet flowers, and beautiful souvenir menus printed in red, white, and blue graced the tables, making a most attractive scene.

After full justice had been done to the menu, the toasts got underway, with Wesley Lauritsen, president of the Division, acting as toastmaster. The charter members present were first introduced. They included J. J. Doheny, John Klein, Alby Peterson, Robert Oelschlager, and Wesley Lauritsen. "God Bless America" was then signed by Mrs. Melva Johnson. A surprise skit was presented by four students from the Minnesota School for the Deaf. Jack Wright, wearing a high hat, striped pants, and cutaway coat, played the part of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. He was shown meeting Alice Cogswell, a little deaf girl, and teaching her to write the word "hat." Her part was portrayed by Doris Olson, a sixth grade student.

Another scene showed Dr. and Mrs. Cogswell, her parents, meeting Mr. Gallaudet and making arrangements for him to go to Europe for the purpose of studying means of educating the deaf. The parts of Dr. and Mrs. Cogswell were played by Douglas Burke and Betty Snow, both seniors at the school.

Then the famed Gallaudet statue was reproduced by Jack Wright and Doris Olson.

Edwin T. Johnson gave a talk on

"Our Division" showing how it had grown through the years.

A talk on the life of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet was made by Arthur Peterson, a non-resident member of the Division, who lives at Albert Lea.

The president of the local Auxiliary Frats, Mrs. La Reine Lauritsen, then gave a talk on the work that her group had done down through the years.

"1960" was the topic of a talk given by Superintendent Howard M. Quigley, of the Minnesota School for the Deaf. He told of the improvements we might anticipate during the next ten years in the work of educating the deaf. He pointed out some of the difficulties to be overcome, but was optimistic as he said that social forces were working together to reduce the number of cases of deafness and to improve the educational facilities.

Impromptu speeches were made by Hubert Sellner, Frank Thompson, and Gordon Allen.

There were many out-of-towners present. A chartered bus brought 32 from the Twin Cities, and there was a good representation from Southern Minnesota.

Final number of the program was signing the poem "On Gallaudet Day" by Mrs. Edna Potter, of Windom.

### Bound Volumes Ready

Orders for bound volumes of THE SILENT WORKER have not been received in sufficient numbers to enable us to offer any reduction in prices. The price per bound volume will be \$5.75 for those who furnish their own copies of the magazine. If we provide the magazines, the price will be \$9.75. Anyone desiring bound volumes of Vol. I should order from THE SILENT WORKER immediately.

## Gallaudet Students Send Papers to Foreign Schools

The students of Gallaudet College are using their Sunday evening Chapel collections this year to send periodicals and journals about the deaf in the United States to various schools for the deaf over the world.

Gallaudet has been making an especial effort to send materials to schools that have been devastated by the war, according to Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, President of the College. Among the nations to which periodicals were and are being sent are Poland, Japan, Czechoslovakia, the Philippines, Bolivia and France. In as much as the school for the deaf in Paris, Institution Nationale des Sourds-Muets, was the school of Laurent Clerc, the first deaf teacher in the United States, the students sent considerable school material that would be helpful to the faculty there. In replying to the students the principal of the Paris school thanked them for their gift and said it was the first time his school had heard directly from America since the beginning of the war.

Recent visitors to Gallaudet College from England, Scotland and Norway were also given some of the American periodicals by the college students.

In selecting the publications an effort is being made to secure those that will give a fairly good cross-section of the activities of the American deaf. The two educational journals selected were *The Volta Review* and the *American Annals of the Deaf*. The official organs of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and of the National Association of the Deaf, *The Frat* and *The Silent Worker*, were chosen as representing the two largest adult deaf groups in America. *The Cavalier* was selected to give an idea of the social activities of the deaf over the United States.

The College student publication, *The Buff and Blue*, was chosen as representing the work of deaf college students.

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at the Cameron Methodist Episcopal Church, again loaded down with gifts, candy, and oranges. Earlier in the evening at the church, a delicious supper had been served by Frances Buescher, daughter of the pastor, Rev. Staubitz, and her capable helpers. Afterwards, a short movie showing and a series of clever skits by church members entertained the children until Santa's arrival.

### WISCONSIN...

The Milwaukee Silent Club gave a Christmas party on December 18, for about 50 children and grandchildren of club members. Mr. Alois Ligocki, a hearing son of deaf parents, acted as Santa Claus. He was ideally suited for the role, as he was able to converse in sign language with the deaf children present, while talking to the rest.

Mrs. Iva Brock of Fond du Lac is in Milwaukee for a two-month visit with her hearing son.

Mrs. Lawrence Yolles and her two children went to Medina, Pa., on December 22, for Christmas with Mrs. Yolles' parents. Mr. Yolles, first vice-president of the NAD, joined them for New Year's. The family returned to Milwaukee January 2.

### COLORADO...

Mrs. Charles D. Billings underwent a successful operation for goitre early in December.

At its annual bazaar and supper November 19, the All Souls Guild of the Episcopal Church cleared about \$350. Rev. H. E. Grace is the pastor.

By the score of 51 to 20, the Denver basketball team won the first play-off game with the Pikes Peak team at Colorado Springs. A return game will be played in Denver January 14.

At the December meeting the All Souls Guild elected the following officers for 1950: president, M. Rose Hall; vice-pres., Edith Kemp; secretary, Iona Simpson; treasurer, Ione Dibble.

Schwayder Bros., who are so favorable to deaf workers, gave their 1200 employees unusual and original Christmas gifts. At the close of a pre-Christmas party at which the yearly Christmas bonuses were distributed, the manager told one and all to take up their chairs and walk away with them. As each folding chair was brand new and sells at \$6.95 retail, it was some gift!

Having gone steady for ten years, three months, and twenty-seven days, Henry Faes of Denver and Sylvia Pardi of Idaho Springs, Colo., reckoned they knew each other well enough to risk

matrimony, so were married November 6.

On the evening of November 12, while the SAC was throwing a very successful hay ride and barn dance to the athletically inclined, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lessley entertained another group with a less strenuous four-table canasta party. Both groups had the best time ever.

Mrs. Ada Quinn, a native of Colorado, after spending a three-year exile in San Francisco has returned to Colorado for good. An all around surprise luncheon—surprising both to Ada and to her friends who did not know of her return—was given at the Northern home. The twelve lucky guests present played canasta in the afternoon.

Raymond J. Fix (not Fritz as we erroneously reported in the December WORKER) who was fleeced by his two traveling companions, Hank Elmore and D. E. Huff, and abandoned in Denver, is, no doubt, in a much better fix than the miscreants who are still hiding from

the law. He has obtained a good job here and is doing well. It's an ill wind, etc.

### MINNESOTA...

A plane trip in one of the new Strato-cruisers to Chicago was Fred McNabb's way of celebrating his 65th birthday. He agrees that travel by air is quite something and spent most of the three-day visit in Chicago telling his friends about the flight.

Nimrods Ted Stawikoski, Royal Savage, Dean Marple and Ernest Berger motored down to Monterey, Minn., bent upon shooting some pheasants. They returned with 19.

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## Kruger's 14th Annual Football Story

### NORTH CAROLINA MAKES FAST CLIMB TO TOP STANDING

*Jerome Moers of Indiana Tops All-America Selections*

**T**HE OFFICIALS AT North Carolina school for the deaf made two good moves last fall in the school's athletic program.

The first one was to cut down the size and strength of the Bears' schedule to proportions that better fitted the school. Instead of trying to play above their heads in the strong class A Western Conference, the North Carolina school is now taking on opponents of its own calibre.

The second move was to employ a full time athletic director and coach, and the man selected was Carroll 'Chick' Gainer, who was a member of Clemson's undefeated eleven that incidentally was the victor in the 1948 Alligator Bowl.

Result: North Carolina went through the 1949 campaign undefeated in ten games. The Bears, in winning their nine games and tying one, piled up an amazing total of 351 points while holding the opposition to but 46, or an average of 35 to 6 per contest. In 1948 North Carolina lost all nine games and scored only 36 points against 241 for its op-

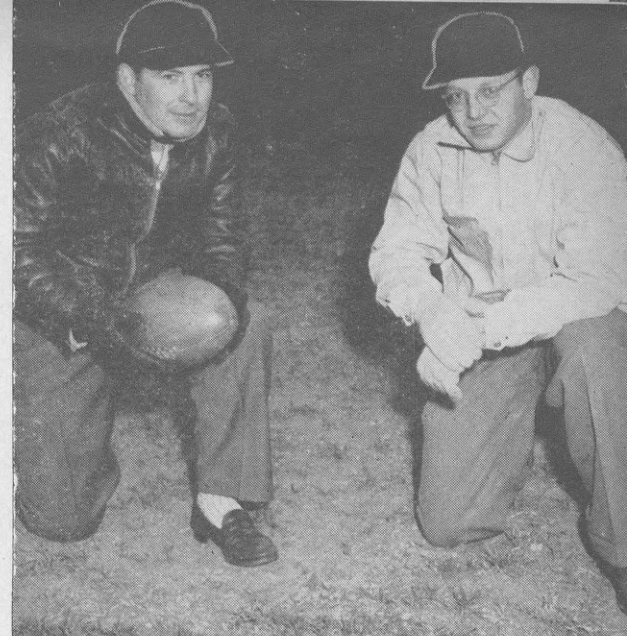
**In recognition of his skill on the gridiron, which has earned him Art Kruger's accolade as "Player of the Year," The SILENT WORKER is awarding to Jerome Moers of Indiana its annual football trophy.**

ponents.

From scratch 'Chick' proved himself a winner. He immediately won friends, even from the group that had inquired as to his identity. His quick sense of humor, his hard work and his keen organizational ability immediately went into the foundation for the future.

Six other excellent reasons for the Bears' sensational showing the past season are the six players who answer to the good American names of Ted Hames, Dick Bowman, Wayne Hilton, Joe Jessup, Leander Carroll and Buford Pressley.

Ted Hames is the big six-foot-one end who weighs 180 pounds. He could probably name his college if it were



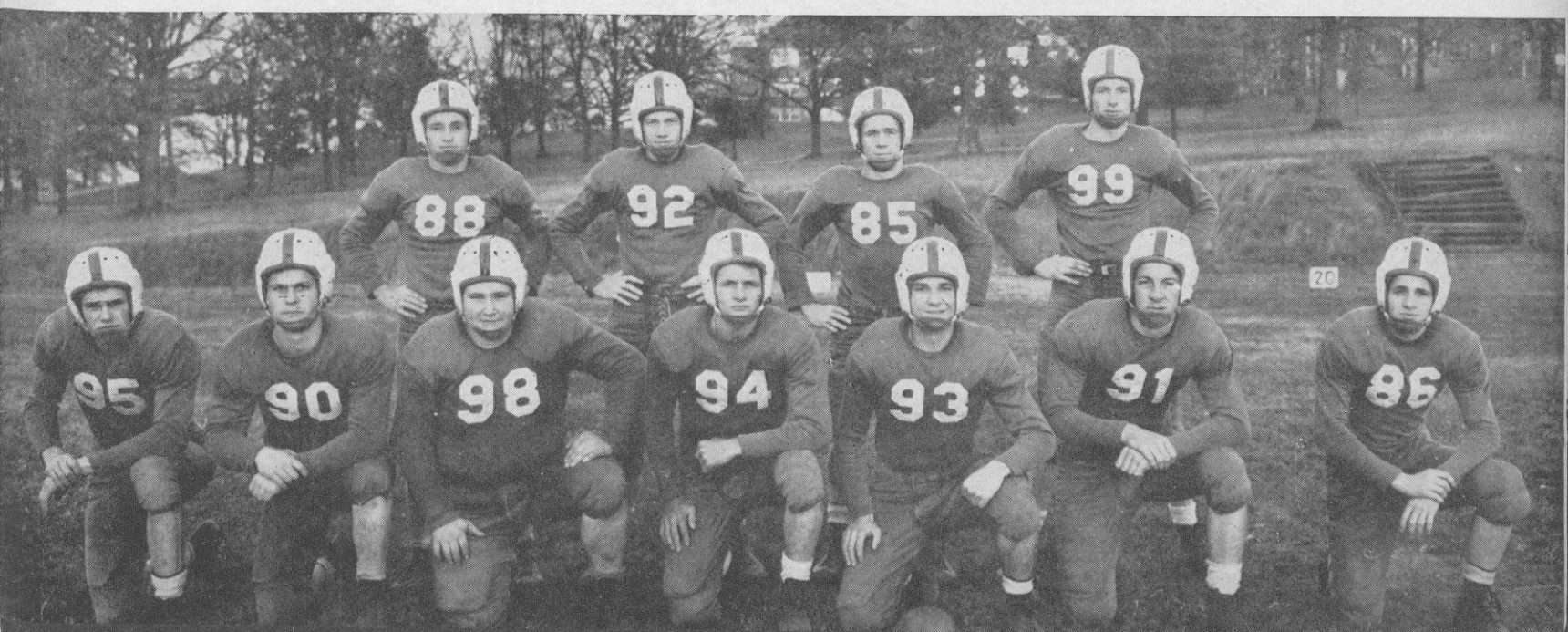
#### COACH OF THE YEAR

Carroll "Chick" Gainer (left) of North Carolina. John Kubis (right), a graduate of Gallaudet College in the class of 1948, assisted "Chick" with the team and was of great help.

not for the fact that his admirers are boosting him for Gallaudet College. He has scored 64 points—all on passes from angular Dick Bowman, steady 6-foot 3-inch, 180-pound fullback, who scored 77 points himself. The 'halfback twins' who drove sportswriters nuts trying to tell which one had the ball are Wayne Hilton and Joe Jessup. Hilton has scampered across for 76 points and Jessup has 64. That means four of the Bears have scored more than 60 points. In the line, barrel-like Leander Carroll used his 240 pounds to clear the way for the jack-rabbit backs and another standout is Co-Captain Buford Pressley, 200-pound tackle. Pressley, who, like Hames, would make any college a good man, reads lips expertly and is Gainer's go-between in directing the team. Hilton and Pressley are 19 years old while the four other players are 18 years of age.

Wayne Hilton, by the way, was the flashiest of the Bears' top runners. He was proclaimed by all opponents as the

1949's NO. 1 SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF TEAM—NORTH CAROLINA: Left to right, kneeling—Ted Hames, R. E.; Buford Pressley, L. T.; Leander Carroll, R.T.; Hubert Capes, R.G.; Alfred Lambert, C.; Hartsell Arrington, L.G., and Charles McKenzie, L.E.; standing—Joseph Jessup, R.H.B.; Donald Hall, Q.B.; Wayne Hilton, L.H.B., and Richard Bowman, F.B.



best back they've seen all season, and, according to Coach Gainer, Hilton is one of the fastest and toughest little backs he has ever seen on a high school field. He is a fine broken field runner and his ability to spin and shoot through a line is remarkable to watch. He also specializes in punt and kick-off returns. If a record had been kept of total yardage he could have passed the mile mark easily. Although Gainer has several fine boys returning, Hilton's loss will be greatly felt.

Gainer, Hilton, Pressley, Hames, Bowman, Jessup and Carroll are the seven excellent reasons why the North Carolina Bears have compiled a great record in 1949 and are probably the best team in the history of the school.

North Carolina's record for the season:

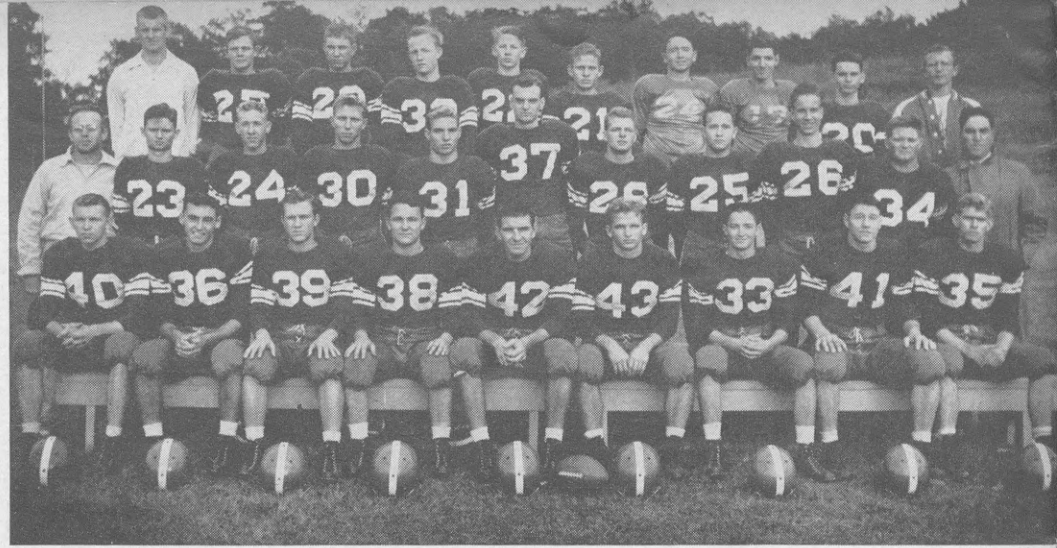
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28—Glen Alpine High School.....	7
6—Valdese High School.....	6
39—Newland High School.....	0
45—Taylorsville High School.....	0
52—South Carolina School for Deaf.....	13
40—Crossnore High School.....	7
27—Virginia School for Deaf.....	0
44—Stanley High School.....	0
44—Bessemer City High School.....	0
26—Granite Falls High School.....	13
351	46

With such a complete reversal of form as compared to 1948, we agree that North Carolina is the most improved team in the nation.

But the record is pretty hard to ignore and for this reason it has our vote as the No. 1 team in the nation, and Chick Gainer has our selection as the Coach of the Year. Take a bow, Chick—you should!

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We admit it is difficult to decide as to which school should get the No. 2 spot—Indiana or Tennessee. Those with an eye close to the school for the deaf pastures thought Indiana was a tougher team than Tennessee. The difference seems to have been in Tennessee's skill with passes. Both schools have met and beaten Illinois by two touchdowns.



TENNESSEE VIKINGS: Front row, left to right, Henry Rosenmund, Neil Battle, James Disney, Donald Reaves, Co-Captain Johnny Hindman, Co-Captain Franklin Willis, Dale Whitehead, Ralph Martin, Paul Torbett. Middle row: Coach Conley Akin, Presley Nave, Jimmy Davenport, Ronald Plunk, James Beeler, Paul Tester, Malcolm Kimberlin, Bobby Talley, Kenneth Burke, Clay Allen, Coach Jess Smith. Back row: Manager Fred Taylor, Otis Hensley, Lee Harben, Billy Webster, Keith Burke, Jack Lawson, Fred Harrison, Gillie Hughes, Sammy McBride, Manager Billy Joe Waddell.

Blessed with an abundance of scrap and a fine fullback in Jerome Moers, the big, rugged Indiana Hoosiers fielded a smartly-coached single-wing team that, after losing the opening game to Lawrence Central High which went through the season undefeated, settled down and won every game thereafter, triumphing over seven foes. Tennessee, paced by colorful T-Quarterback Franklin Willis, also compiled another successful season when it won seven of nine outings.

Indiana was national champion in 1945 and 1946, while Tennessee was tops in 1948. So take your choice as to which school is the second best team in the country for 1949, but to us it is a toss-up.

The No. 4 team is Fanwood of White Plains, N. Y. It is said that no other school for the deaf in the East would have the strength to stop Fanwood unless they caught it with a lot of injuries. P.S.: It didn't have an injury all season. This is because they worked very hard in getting themselves in condition. It is not a heavy team but when the boys are in good condition, they run hard and block hard, and look heavier and tougher than they really are. All the boys in the line and in the backfield

are about equal, and Coach Paul Kennedy is indeed fortunate to have a fine group of hard working boys that gave all they had in practice and games. The two games Fanwood lost were by the scores of 6-0 and 7-0.

Minnesota had the best team in history, under the tutelage of George Hanson, who became head football coach at this school after graduation from Gallaudet college in 1941, and is rated the No. 5 team in the nation. It boasts a tough line and a group of hard-running backs. The steady Hilltoppers are paced by Jack Wright in the line and Douglas Burke in the backfield. Minnesota, by the way, has seven seniors on its team, so you can see how it was.

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Speed, size and savvy characterize our 14th annual All-American school for the deaf football team—a potent point-making machine with the accent on offense.

The brilliant all-around fullback, Jerome Moers, of Indiana, was picked as the Player of the Year.

It was a matter of elemental logic to select the 195-pound, 5-foot 11-inch senior who was a first string tackle as a freshman. He was a master at every phase of anything pigskin and more than fills the requirements of an outstanding player to head our All-American team for 1949.

Jerome also runs track and plays basketball as first string guard, but he is also quite as masterful with a text book as he is with a pigskin or spike shoes. He plans to enter Gallaudet college this fall.

In placing Moers on the first All-City football team, *The Indianapolis Times* has the following to say about him:

Moers far out-stripped the city's scoring leaders by capturing the city scoring championship with 102 points in seven games. He's a pile-driving, 195-pound fullback for a team that scored 206 points while winning seven of eight games. He scored three touch-

WILLIS KISSES NO. 1 FAN  
Franklin Willis, center, embraces his No. 1 fan, his mother, after the Kentucky game which Tennessee won, 60-0. At left is C. F. Willis, Sr., Franklin's father. Both parents are deaf. With this game Franklin capped a long and lustrous career. Frank Bailes, Knoxville News-Sentinel sports writer, wrote THE SILENT WORKER: "I don't know how much you know about this Willis boy, but I want to inform you that he is one of the top backs in this area . . . and a very likeable boy."

Cut courtesy the Knoxville News-Sentinel





INDIANA HOOSIERS: Left to right, first row—Don La Valle, Orville Northcutt, Bob Bates, Anthony Lents, Jack Messer, Keith Young, James Stouse, End Vandeverter; second row—Faculty Manager Charles Maze, Bob Peters, Dale Herrin, William Storm, Ollie McKee, Bob Suroweic, Jerry Moers, Art Wooten, George Gormat, Trainer Dr. A. A. Dannin; third row—Line Coach Norman Brown, Lauris Mills, Ronald Duley, Harry Ferguson, Edward Paige, Dick Polstra, Dick Johnson, Zane Adams, Head Coach Jake Caskey; fourth row—Bije Lewis, Sharon Rich, Tom Lovis, Kenneth Bechman, James Johnson, Robert Thompson; fifth row—Morris Glessner, Bill Loudon, Emanuel Houchell, Ted Hagemeyer.

downs in each of four games and two TDs in each of two others.

Moers is an unusual boy. Fundamentally, he's an outstanding college prospect as a tackle and could step in tomorrow and make the city's first string tackle spot. As a freshman, he was an outstanding tackle for Coach Jake Caskey's fine team three years ago. He was hurt most of his sophomore year. As a junior, Coach Caskey needed a fullback and got him.

Against the Illinois Deaf School at Jacksonville, Moers scored all of the Silent Hoosiers' 18 points. He asked to play defensive tackle in his last game and he performed outstandingly most of the game.

Another standout player is Captain Irvin Carlstedt of Illinois, who was a shining light on a fair club and played outstanding ball in every game. He was half the team with his spark plugging, deadly tackling on either side of the line, in front or in back of it. If the play came his way he'd nail the ball carrier and no one else. If it went the other way he was just as likely as not to rush through the line and nail the carrier on the other side before he'd crossed the line of scrimmage. If it was a wide end run or pass on the other side he'd catch and nail the carrier or receiver. Illinois had a so-so team with pretty green backfield men but it is said it was sheer delight to watch Carlstedt work on that team!

During the 1949 campaign Irvin scored three safeties, breaking through to nab opposing backs behind their own goal. One of his safeties provided the margin for victory as the Illinois school bumped Jacksonville High 14 to 13 in the annual intracity tussle.

Captain Franklin Willis, the Tennessee triple threat, was the only repeater from the 1948 cream team. He closed his brilliant schoolboy football career playing with a taped shoulder in the Kentucky game last November 19, Tennessee winning 60 to 0. In this game Willis ran for touchdowns from 80, 52,

32 and 20 yards in an outstanding demonstration.

To Willis, the 19-year-old speedster from Memphis, goes the greatest amount of the credit for the Tennessee football successes the past three years. In those years his teams have won 23 games and lost only three. While the opponents were racking up only 106 points in 26 games, the Vikings, thanks to numerous spectacular touchdown makings by Willis, were scoring 971. Willis still packs his over 170-pounds on a well built 5-foot-10-inch frame and looks the part of an outstanding footballer very convincingly.

Although football is his favorite and probably best athletic endeavor, Willis is outstanding in several sports. Last year he won first place in the mythical national school for the deaf track and field meet in the 220-yard dash.

He is an exceptional bowler and classifies this as his favorite summer-time diversion. He has rolled over 200 several

times. He also plays basketball for the Tennessee team and is an aggressive backboard man.

In football, however, Willis has had most of his thrills and most of his top achievements. He cites the Clinton High game of 1947 as his most exciting sports thrill. And well so—in that contest Willis made two touchdown runs of over 50 yards, trekked 25 meters for another score, and passed for a fourth in the Vikings' 26 to 7 upset win over

He's a senior and hopes to enter Gallaudet College after graduation. His grades should give him a good chance too, because he maintains between an A and B average.

So now move over there, you all-time deaf schoolboy football players, and make room for a companion. Edge over to give Franklin Willis room on that pedestal as one of the greatest of deaf football players.

Other all-time football greats from 1935 to present time are: William Briendine of Virginia and Clyde Nutt of Arkansas, ends; Alton Smith of Arkansas and Irvin Carlstedt of Illinois, tackles; Victor DeCapua of American and Tom Cullen of New Jersey, guards; Lee Montez of Texas and Frank Kaiser of Indiana, halfbacks; Raymond Jackson of Fanwood, fullback, and Don Whitney of Washington, center.

North Carolina's champions weren't overlooked. Three Bears were placed on the elite list.

Halfback Wayne Hilton, a mite of 150 pounds, was North Carolina's leading ground gainer. Wrecker and tough Buford Pressley, 200-pound tackle, played outstanding ball in every game. And on the wing North Carolina had another standout in Ted Hames, an exceptional downfield blocker as well as pass receiver.

### Over-Age All-Americans

There are several fine players who failed to make the All-American team because they are 20 years old. We feel that they deserve some recognition so we present herewith our All-American team composed of players who are twenty years of age, as follows:

Pos.	Players and School	Height	Weight
E	Albert Mazanowski, New Jersey .....	5'10"	155
E	Tupper Inabinett, South Carolina .....	6'1"	183
T	James Crabtree, Oklahoma .....	5'10"	173
T	Stebby Greco, American .....	5'8"	145
G	Clinton Prater, Virginia .....	6'0"	180
G	Dennis Walsh, American .....	5'8"	160
C	Joe Shouppe, Florida .....	6'3"	193
B	Berly Wilson, Virginia .....	5'11"	157
B	John Witkoski, American .....	5'9"	154
B	Melvin Harper, Mississippi .....	5'10"	160
B	Leo Yates, Virginia .....	6'0"	165

Only other school to place more than one stalwart was Tennessee, which qualified its fine end, Henry Rosenmund, edging out his teammate, Paul Torbett.

Roy Blaylock, sparkplug of Mississippi's club that had its best season since it resumed football in 1945, also was a popular backfield choice. He is a shifty runner and one of the best boys in the state. Roy was almost a one-man team as he chalked up 11 teedees. Scoring four of his team's five touchdowns in the Benton High game, Blaylock's finest run was an 85-yard kickoff return for a tally. Athletic Director Charles Deviney and Coach Cecil Davis (1935 Gallaudet grad) are backing Roy for the All-Star team of the high school classic this summer. Said Deviney: "Blaylock is an excellent runner and he averaged between 125 and 150 yards a game in yardage the past season."

Charles Balanis of Fanwood won out in a heated debate for the center spot. A smart, steady 163-pound find, Balanis got the nod over such standouts as Philip Mathews of Minnesota and Davis Bosom of Michigan.

Completing the first team selections was "Old Blood and Guts" Ed Slackway, a 153-pound Mt. Airy co-captain guard who proved an inspiration to the school's otherwise young and green linemen and far overshadowed any player in the nation, and Jack Wright, Minnesota's steady 162-pound tackle, who was placed on the first team as guard



**FANWOOD GOLDEN TORNADOES:** Left to right, first row—Everett Trochelman, John Toner, Charles Balanis, Ed Matthews, Terry Halpine, Robert Mullally, Steve Satterday, James Lee, William Sumell, Hugo Guide, Alexander Taccogna; second row—Manager Angelo Capozzi, Ralph Epstein, Thomas Lorello, John Castrese, Robert Dickerson, Agostino Di Giovanni, Robert Whiting, William Malone, Peter Mislawack, Leo Kratz, Pat Doherty, Sheldon Plavsky, Assistant Manager Alex Rubiano; third row—Assistant Coach John Caveney, Kevin Mulholland, Steve Lucatuorto, Francis Cullinan, Charles Isales, Frank Sheldone, William Wheeler, Superintendent Charles Bradford, Head Coach Paul T. Kennedy.

because of his defensive ability.

There is one player we'd like to have on our cream team, but he has one more year ahead of him so he'd better wait. He is John Bingham, the Mt. Airy school's T-quarterback sensation.

The success of John Bingham as a field general is only overshadowed by his triple-threat performances. He is a deadly passer, averages 40 yards on his spurts and leads the team in scoring. In addition, he is a canny diagnostician of opposition maneuvers.

A Mt. Airy student since he was six, Bingham has scored 99 points in seven

games, including 15 touchdowns. Most of the touchdowns were on runs of 25 yards or more. He also threw six touchdown passes.

This six-foot-one, 18-year-old lad is, in the opinion of those who saw him, the outstanding player in the Philadelphia area, and his receiving the Maxwell Memorial Football Club award for his great play over every hearing boy in this city is an achievement the deaf should really be proud of. He also received Stoney McGlinn's Television Award.

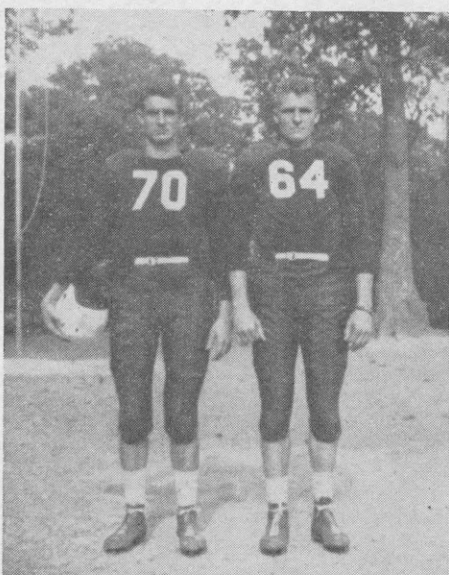
After playing spectacular ball the first five games and prior to the New Jersey game Bingham was stricken with the grippe, and despite being a very sick boy, he played the New Jersey game, which his team lost, 6 to 7. As a result of this John missed the Salesianum High game which Mt. Airy also lost, 0 to 19. However, John was ready for the West Virginia game and scored every point, his school winning 20 to 19.

Bingham's sincerest admirer is the new coach, Tom Kennedy, former South Philadelphia Catholic High star, who later played four years of halfback at John Carroll University in Ohio. He is assisted by a former South Catholic High teammate, Tom Gorman, who played under Coach Carl Snavely at North Carolina. Erwin Antoni, Girard College and University of Pennsylvania four-letter athlete, is Mt. Airy athletic director.

Kennedy reported seven days before the opening game with Conshohocken High and in those seven days he taught the Panthers the rudiments of the T. It was a single wing team last year. He succeeded, but he will tell you that if it wasn't for his quarterback, John Bingham, his team wouldn't have fared so well. So better watch John next year.

## Touchdown Twins Score 250 Points

Berly Wilson and Leo Yates of the Virginia School for the Deaf were probably one of the most potent touchdown combinations in all-time deaf sporting



**BERLY WILSON (70)  
LEO YATES (64)**

Cut courtesy of The Virginia Guide

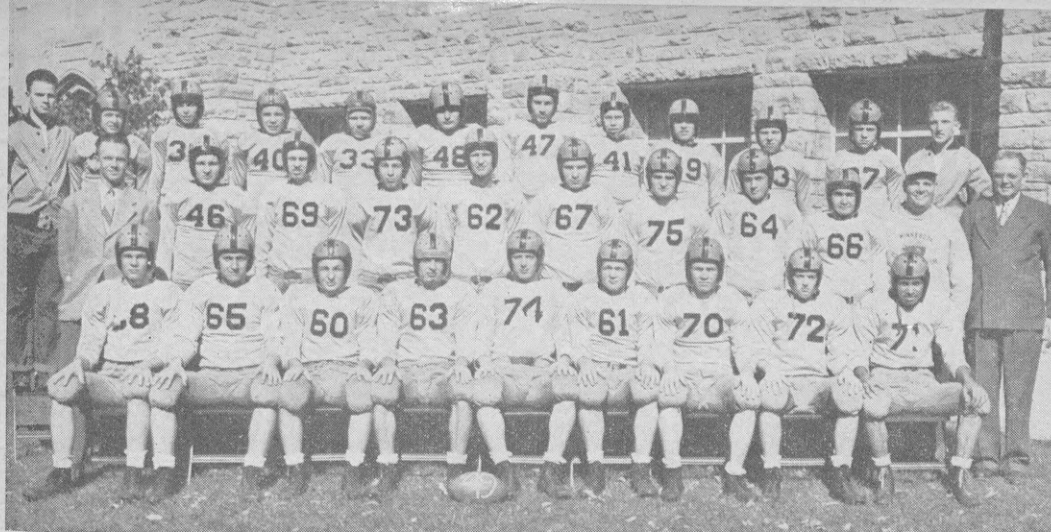
annals. With Wilson doing the tossing and Yates the receiving, the pair accounted for 250 points in 24 games over a four-year span. Broken down, this total was amassed via 39 touchdowns and 16 points after touchdowns. Both boys completed their football careers this past fall.

Wilson was a triple-threat player. In addition to his accurate passing, he was noted for his running. In 1949 he scored 49 points himself, and his punting average was around 42 yards per kick. He is a standout forward on the basketball team and a clever mound artist on the baseball team.

Yates is also an all-around athlete, starring in basketball and baseball as well as on the gridiron. He has been named to both the All-American football and basketball teams.

Coach T. C. Lewellyn of Virginia, who has gained renown for his ability to train potent backfield men and ends, calls the Wilson-Yates passing combine one of the best he has ever coached. Both boys are leaving school at the end of the present year. Yates is from Roanoke and Wilson from Pembroke.

Story adapted from The Staunton News-Leader



MINNESOTA HILLTOPPERS: Left to right, front row—Wahl, Thompson, Mathews, Wright, Burke, Larson, Miers, Caswell, Smith; middle row—Head Coach Hanson, Hines, Solberg, Pelarski, Graupman, Stifter, Carty, Vik, Cipolone, Assistant Coach Johnson, Faculty Manager Lauritsen; back row—Student Manager Welch, Reardon, Doose, Mess, Wollin, Hutchins, Hartwig, Riel, Brown, Frank, Anderson, Student Manager Rasmussen.

Fullback Jerome Moers of Indiana is again the official school for the deaf scoring champion. He scored 102 points during the 1949 campaign that put him three in front of Quarterback John Bingham of Mt. Airy, his closest rival. Last year in 1948 Moers compiled 14 touchdowns and made two tries for a total of 86 points to lead the nation in scoring.

Bingham, easily the best quarterback in the East, got 15 TDs and nine points after touchdowns for 99 points in seven games.

Franklin Willis of Tennessee was third with 81 points in nine tilts.

The scoring leaders above the 40-point mark:

	G	TD	PAT	TP
Jerome Moers, fb, Indiana	7	16	6	102
John Bingham, qb, Mt. Airy	7	15	9	99
Franklin Willis, qb, Tennessee	9	13	3	81
Edwin Westlake, hb, Oklahoma	6	13	0	78

Dick Bowman, fb, North Carolina	10	12	5	77
Wayne Hilton, hb, North Carolina	10	12	4	76
Roy Blaylock, qb, Mississippi	10	11	8	74
Joe Jessup, hb, North Carolina	9	11	0	66
Ted Hames, end, North Carolina	10	10	4	64
Calvin Sheets, hb, West Virginia	7	10	4	64
Neil Battle, fb, Tennessee	9	10	2	62
Nimm Shelton, hb, Texas	6	9	4	58
Dick Ewald, hb, Michigan	8	6	7	49
Ed Matthews, hb, Fanwood	7	7	4	46
Douglas Burke, fb, Minnesota	7	6	6	42
Henry Rosenmund, Jr., Tennessee	9	7	0	42

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## 1949 Sectional Ratings

Taking our trusty periscope we find the leaders by geographical sections to be:

East—Fanwood  
Central—Indiana  
Midwest—Minnesota  
Farwest—California  
Southeast—North Carolina  
Southwest—Oklahoma

North Carolina took the team scoring title with 351 points in ten games. Fanwood had the best mark defensively with 26. The only schools unable to produce a tie or win as many games were Kansas, Kentucky, and Louisiana.

The 1949 records of the school for the deaf elevens are as follows:

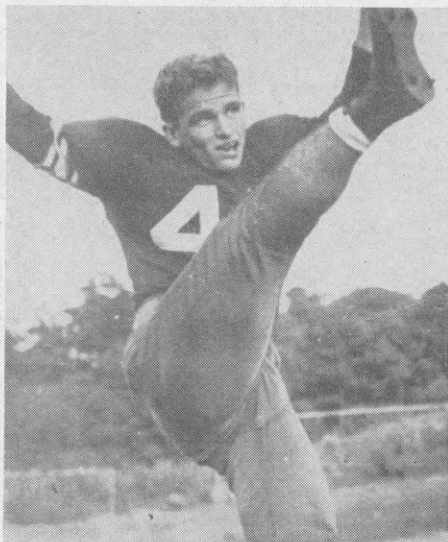
	W.	L.	T.	Pt.	Opp.
Fanwood, (N.Y.)	4	2	1	140	26
New Jersey	3	4	0	57	97
Mt. Airy (Pa.)	5	3	0	189	149
West Virginia	4	3	0	153	49
American (Conn.)	2	2	1	52	53
Virginia	6	3	0	199	132
St. Joseph's (N.Y.)	1	2	0	32	32
Minnesota	5	2	0	129	44
Iowa	2	3	1	47	94
Missouri	4	0	1	71	31
Kansas	0	8	0	12	251
Indiana	7	1	0	206	111
Illinois	3	5	0	81	109
Michigan	3	4	1	105	103
Ohio	1	4	1	81	118
Wisconsin	1	5	0	34	138
Kentucky	0	5	0	24	218
North Carolina	9	0	1	351	46
Tennessee	7	2	0	235	55
Florida	1	7	0	12	208
Alabama	0	7	0	14	172
South Carolina	1	3	2	72	139
Georgia	—	—	—	—	—

Oklahoma	5	1	0	189	73
Texas	4	4	2	118	134
Mississippi	4	4	2	143	168
Louisiana	0	7	0	18	235

California	1	5	0	70	124
Washington	2	6	0	—	—
Colorado	1	3	0	24	54

Note that Missouri is undefeated, too. Its October 6 game with Boonville High was its first victory since 1945. Charles Frizzell is the new coach.

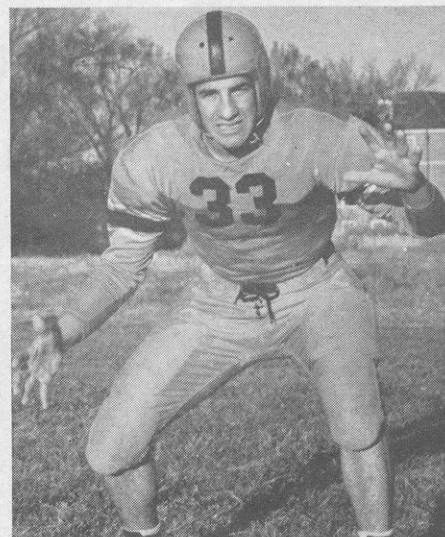
Arkansas had no football team due to lack of boys old enough to play.



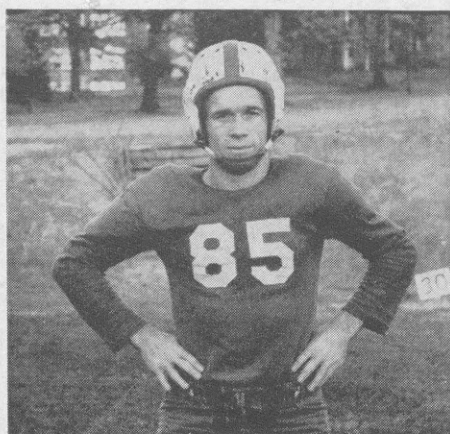
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Wayne Hilton (HB)	North Carolina	19	5'7"	150
Roy Blaylock (HB)	Mississippi	19	6'0"	156
Jerome Moers (FB)	Indiana	18	5'11"	195



BUFORD PRESSLEY

### SECOND TEAM

Orville Northcutt, Ind.	End	Tom Desrosier, Amer.
Paul Torbett, Tenn.	End	Gilbert Brown, Mt. Airy
Ronnie Williams, W. Va.	Guard	Leander Carroll, N.C.
Andrew Beckham, Texas	Guard	August Moore, Mo.
Epifanio Arce, Calif.	Tackle	Steve Satterday, Fan.
Ralph Martin, Tenn.	Tackle	Bob Bates, Indiana
Phillip Mathews, Minn.	Center	David Bosom, Mich.
John Bingham, Mt. Airy	Back	Joseph Anastasia, N.J.
Nimm Shelton, Texas	Back	Edward Matthews, Fanwood
Calvin Sheets, W. Va.	Back	Douglas Burke, Minn.
Edwin Westlake, Okla.	Back	Richard Bowman, N.C.

### THIRD TEAM

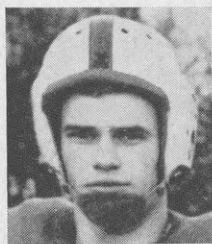
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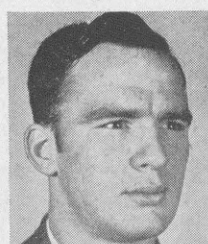
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## Parliamentary Laws

Should our schools for the deaf teach parliamentary rules and practice? I believe they should teach at least the fundamentals. When children leave school a majority, no doubt, will join the many clubs, societies and fraternal divisions



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which exist. They will also attend conventions in large numbers. Many of these young people will want to take part in the doings of these organizations but their ignorance of parliamentary rules and decorum might make them reluctant to take the floor. An intelligent young person, sure of himself at a large meeting, can become a very useful worker among the deaf.

It is through our clubs, fraternal divisions and conventions that we are kept organized. They are potent factors in our social processes. Organizations which are orderly and well-presided over can accomplish much more than those which are not.

Although Robert's Rules of Order is accepted as the final authority on parliamentary procedure among a large number of our organizations, there are other books obtainable in the public libraries which are simplified versions and which should be much easier for the younger people to understand. In time, experience at meetings will help anyone learn more about the rules. But as things are now, most of the meetings I have attended were not perfect examples of how they should be conducted. Yet, those who go to such meetings naturally pick up the habits, procedure and other practices which are contrary to the rules. This leads me to ask, "Should the deaf have their own set of parliamentary laws?" Personally, I think so. Of course, I do not mean to imply we should change Robert's Rules. But we could at least have rules to govern the decorum, privileges and other matters suited to our special needs.

For example, at the meetings of hearing people, when a person wants the floor he raises his hand and waits for the Chair to recognize him. When the Chair does so, the member rises from his seat, remains where he is and begins with, "Mr. Chairman." He then has his little say. With the deaf it is different, and heaven knows how it all started!

When a member gets the floor he comes all the way to the front and stands alongside where the president is sitting. He then goes into a lengthy "prologue" with this most unnecessary waste of words, "Mr. President, Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Secretary, Mr. Treasurer, friends, brothers and sisters, fellow-workers, etc., etc. . . ." which is not according to the rules. He then turns his back to the president and addresses his remarks to the members. This is also against the rules. This rule was violated at practically every meeting I have attended among the deaf and it amazes me how they get away with it every time.

We should take it for granted that a member should come to the front of the room where everyone will have a better chance of seeing him. At the Long Island Club of the Deaf, Inc., where I had the honor to serve as Secretary for a term, an innovation was made. A member who secured the floor was permitted to come to the platform but was made to stand far to one side, facing the Chair. He would limit his opening words to, "Mr. Chairman," and address the Chair while still facing him. Under no circumstances was he permitted to face the assembly or make any remarks to any of the members. This prevented bickerings back and forth between the speaker and the members, a practice which usually results in a meeting getting out of hand.

Many times I have seen a member jump up from his seat to tell the Chairman that the remarks of the speaker who has the floor is out of order. It is not for a member to decide that. The member has the privilege of "rising to a point of order." The Chairman may ask him to state his point and the member does so. It is then for the Chair to decide if anything is out of order. A Chairman who knows the rules well can inform an obtrusive member about this.

On another occasion I have seen a motion made, seconded and debated—all according to the rules. Then someone got up and made the sign for "vote," which means he wanted the debating stopped so a vote might be taken on the motion. Another member, opposed to the motion, asked for the floor to mention something he felt the members should know. The Chairman and others informed this member it was too late because someone had already asked for the vote. This caused some confusion until I asked for the floor on a point of order. I explained that since a member signed for "vote," this was tantamount, according to the rules, to a motion for "the previous question."

This motion must be seconded and required a two-thirds majority vote to pass. Since the motion to "vote" was not seconded and no vote was taken on the "vote," the other member who asked for the floor to debate further was in order.

The "Previous Question" is in itself perplexing and is not readily understood by many. It seems to be a misnomer. It simply means to stop debate and put the main motion to a vote. But before this vote on the main motion can be taken the members must vote on the motion for the previous question. In other words, it means they must first vote on whether debate should be stopped. When voting on the previous question, it requires a two-thirds majority to pass. If it passes, the debating stops and the Chair then asks for a vote on the main motion before the assembly. If the vote on the previous question fails to carry, the main motion pending is still open to debate.

I believe a series of articles on parliamentary laws for the deaf in THE SILENT WORKER will do much to acquaint many of us with the important fundamentals. This series may prove valuable to those now serving as presidents and other members anxious to cooperate with the Chairman. If time proves the deaf require a set of rules for their special needs, the series can be prepared in booklet form for sale to anyone who wants it, and the proceeds could go to the N.A.D.

It remains to be seen if this idea has any supporters among the deaf. Suggestions will be welcome.

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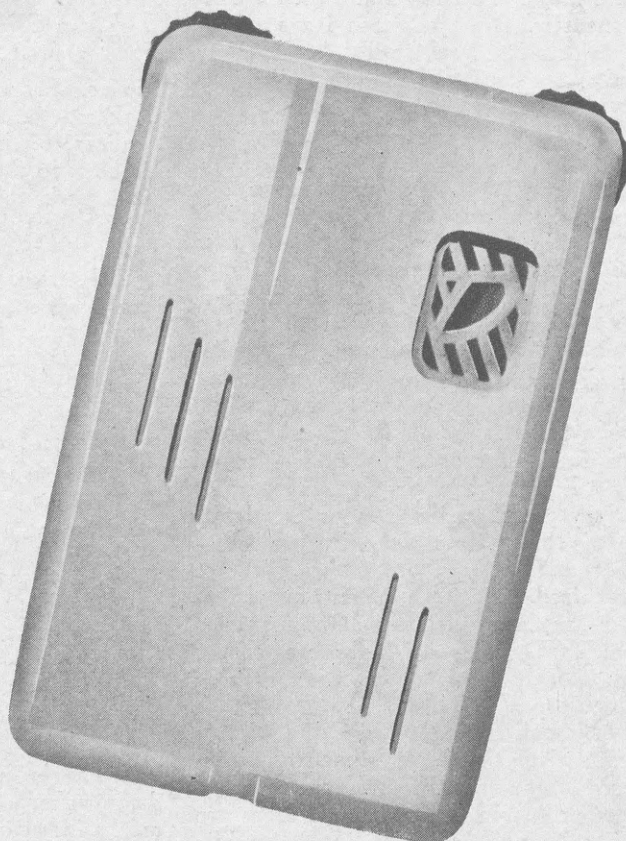
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